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Widow's fortune was 'swindled'

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A TEAM of six con artists – including a grandmother, mother and daughter – swindled an elderly widow suffering from dementia out of hundreds of thousands of pounds, it has been alleged in court.

Wealthy Catherine Devas – who suffered from dementia and was partially paralysed – had around £500,000 in her bank account in 2003 – but this had dwindled away to virtually nothing by the time of her death at the age of 83 in 2006, Cambridge Crown Court was told.

Prosecutors claimed the fraudsters used the cash to go on a luxury shopping trip to New York and even tried to swindle her home from her for around half its worth.

Her carers Deborah Atkinson, of The Street, Lidgate, and Zandra Mackay and four members of their families have been accused of defrauding Mrs Devas, who lived in Beaufort Place, Cambridge.

The court heard how £216,000 of Mrs Devas' money ended up in the bank account of Atkinson. The 48-year-old has already pleaded guilty to three charges of conspiracy to defraud.

Her 79-year-old mother Beryl Benbow is accused of pocketing £48,000, and her daughter Sophie Atkinson, 23, of taking £3,800. Both live in The Street, Lidgate.

The first charge relates to all the defendants, and is admitted by Deborah Atkinson and Marcus Mackay, and alleges that between January 2003 and December 2006, withdrawals were made from Mrs Devas' savings using cheques and bank cards.

The jury was shown several cheques believed to have been written out by Mrs Devas' carers – with her "spidery signature" added afterwards.

Michael Magee, prosecuting, said: "It really was a case of 'sign here, dear'." He added: "Did Mrs Devas know what she was doing? The prosecution's case is: 'no she didn't'." Mr Magee told the court thousands of pounds were siphoned from Mrs Devas' savings and used to pay for carpets and flooring, financial advice, solicitors' fees, Inland Revenue bills and loan charges.

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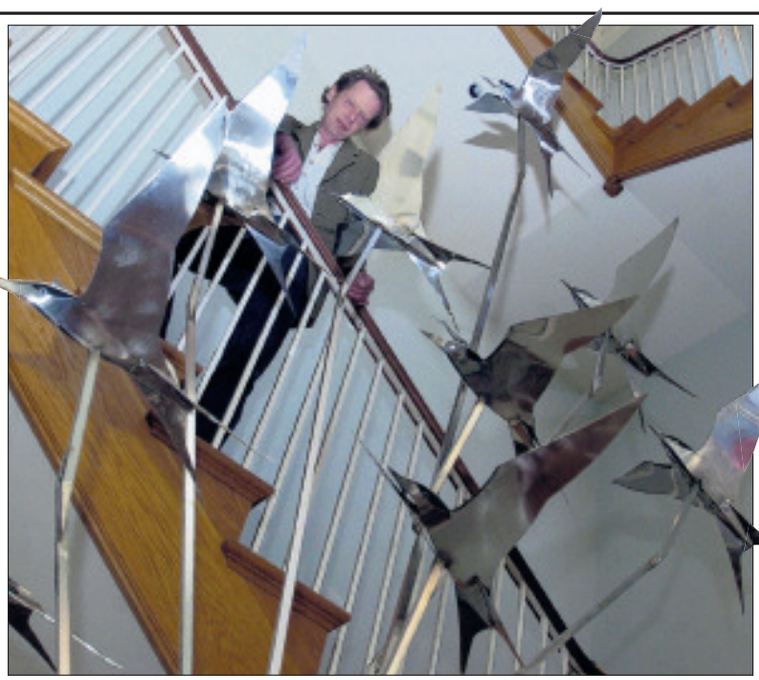

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'Card paid for New York trip'

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The jury heard Mrs Devas' credit card funded a lavish £1,668 spending spree in "high end shops" on a mini break to New York by Deborah and Sophie Atkinson. When confronted by police, Benbow claimed the money had been gifted to her by Mrs Devas, adding: "She was a very generous lady."

Sophie Atkinson denies one charge of conspiracy to defraud, and Benbow has pleaded not guilty to two charges. Zandra Mackay, 62, of Wilkin Walk, Cottenham, denies three charges.

Her son Marcus Mackay, 43, from Romford in Essex, previously admitted three charges, but his ex-wife Sharron Mackay, 41, from Hightown in Hampshire, has denied two charges of conspiracy to defraud.

The second count of conspiracy to defraud concerns a document dated December 2005 purporting to be Mrs Devas' will, which named Marcus Mackay as the sole beneficiary and Benbow as the executor. Deborah Atkinson and Marcus Mackay admitted the offence, but Benbow and Zandra Mackay deny it.

The third count involves all three Mackays plus Deborah Atkinson, who are accused of falsely declaring Mrs Devas wished to sell the leasehold of her flat to Sharron Mackay for £150,000, between July and December 2006.

The trial, which is expected to last for five weeks, continues.

Works of art: displaying their work at Palace House in Newmarket are, from left, Cara McKinnon Crawford, Gail Wendorf, Jon Bickley, Andrew Stewart, Andrew Sinclair, Jennifer Twomey and Stefanie Halm. Picture: Keith Jones 641247

Fine art arrives from the land of Scots

STUNNING paintings and sculptures by some of Scotland's top artists have gone on show at a Newmarket gallery.

Striking portraits, haunting landscapes and captivating animal sculptures are among the works now on display at the Resipole South Spring Exhibition, which is taking place at Palace House until Saturday.

The collection features art by Andrew Sinclair, Alan Hayman, Gavin Young, David Wilson and Vanessa Stollery, who are among Scotland's most acclaimed contemporary artists.

The show marks the start of Resipole South, which aims to provide a southern base for the highly-respected Scottish studios on the banks of Loch Stuart, in Argyll.

Stefanie Halm, partner of Resipole South, said: "It's all about bringing Scottish art to the south and Newmarket is very good place for these exceptional artists to reach a wider audience.

"There are many people in Newmarket interested in art, but we are really starved of galleries.

"There will be many more exhibitions and this is just the start."

The show in Palace Lane will be open from 10am to 5pm on weekdays, and 10am to 4pm on Saturday.

Children's services boss to step down

THE director of children's social care in Cambridgeshire has quit to "seek new opportunities".

Gordon Jeyes will step down on June 30 after five years with Cambridgeshire County Council, it was announced this week.

He is currently executive director for children and young people's services.

The resignation came ahead of the publication of a serious case review into the death of Faith Lovemore, from Milton, who was six weeks old when she was killed by her mentally ill mother Julia Lovemore.

A court heard Mrs Lovemore, 41, of The Rowans, "withdrew from available services" and that there had been "no positive impact" into the family – but the council said there is no connection between the case and Mr Jeyes' departure.

In an email to members, chief executive Mark Lloyd said Mr Jeyes had taken the decision "after extremely careful consideration" and wanted to "seek new opportunities".

He is planning to work as a freelance consultant in the private sector.

Mr Lloyd said: "I am sure county councillors will join with me in wishing Gordon every success for the future and will equally wish to take the opportunity over the coming months to thank Gordon for his contribution and service to both the council and the children and young people of Cambridgeshire."

Mr Jeyes led social workers through the difficult time in the aftermath of the Baby P tragedy in Haringey, which put care of children across the country in the spotlight.

The scandal triggered a rise in the number of youngsters being taken into care in Cambridgeshire, with just under 500 currently being looked after by relatives, foster families, or in residential homes.

Recruiting social workers has also been a challenge, but the vacancy rate of around 13 per cent – equivalent to 26 posts – is the lowest it has been for some time.

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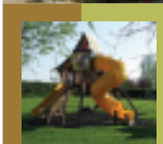

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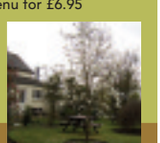

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Police hunt swan killer who left gun

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A SWAN was shot twice in the neck and left to die after the gunman was disturbed by two walkers.

The man was spotted carrying the wounded bird under his arm in Stow-cum-Quy, sparking fears it was being taken away to be eaten. But when he was seen he dumped the swan and his air rifle and ran off.

Cambridgeshire police and RSPCA officers have launched a joint hunt for the man after the swan was killed on Monday at around 4pm.

Stow-cum-Quy residents Christopher Grey, 64, and his wife Nadia, 70, who fed the swan for almost a decade, caught the man in the act. Mr Grey said: "I saw this white flapping out of the corner of my eye and headed over to look. The man was carrying the swan but when he saw us he dumped it in a ditch.

"That's when I saw the gun on the floor and went over to the swan.

"It had been shot in the neck. It was still alive but died about 15 minutes later. I fed that bird for years and then I had to hold it dying in my arms, it's absolutely disgusting."

RSPCA Inspector Chris Nice made a joint appeal with police for information. Killing or injuring a swan carries a fine of up to £5,000 and six months in prison because they are under royal protection.

He said: "We are working closely with the police to trace the man using fingerprints, DNA and ballistics evidence."

It is feared the animal could have been killed to be eaten after there were reports of migrants killing swans for food on the River Nene in Peterborough.

Insp Nice added: "There are idiots out there who will shoot anything but the fact that he was carrying the swan away does seem to show that it was being taken away to be eaten. However, we are not assuming the culprit is a migrant."

Until 1998 the offence of killing a swan was treason, as the birds belong to the Crown under an ancient charter.

The man was in his 40s, 5ft 9in, of slim build with grey or light wavy hair, wearing blue trousers and a light coloured top. He made his getaway in a dark blue estate car.

A police spokeswoman said: "We appeal to anyone with information to contact us on 0345 456 4564."

Prince Harry enjoys night out in town

PRINCE Harry enjoyed a night out in Newmarket – including a visit to DeNiro's nightclub.

The 25-year-old royal, pictured, was spotted partying in the VIP area of the High Street nightspot on Easter Saturday.

A club spokeswoman said: "People couldn't believe it was him. They thought it must have been a lookalike, but it was Harry. I'm told he had a really good time and we were very pleased to welcome him here."

Earlier in the day the prince visited Newmarket Heath to see the Queen's horses running in the gallops.

He is also reported to have enjoyed a Chinese meal in the town.

Prince Harry, who is training to become an army helicopter pilot, is well-known for his love of nightclubbing and is often seen at London nightspots Boujis and Mahiki.

DeNiro's, which has a 1,500-capacity, is Suffolk's biggest nightclub.

Man left concussed after assault

A MAN suffered concussion after he was assaulted behind a Newmarket pub.

The victim was struck at the rear of Unique, in Sun Lane, on Sunday at 1am.

The offender is described as a white male in his 30s, 5ft 11ins tall, with brown hair and wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with any information should contact Pc Nik Chapman at Newmarket police on (01284) 774100.

There's a dinosaur in my garden!

GIANT dinosaurs are peering through the trees in a country garden.

The prehistoric beasts have been built by Diana Knight, of The Manor, Barton Mills, in preparation for the village's scarecrow festival which is set to be held again this summer.

This year's event – the eighth to be held for a range of charities including the village church – is being titled the Scarycrows Festival.

Mrs Knight's garden is being transformed into a Jurassic Park scene with her elaborate monsters. She said: "Last time I made an enormous mammoth and I had enough material from that to make five dinosaurs."

The village has previously won a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the festival which attracts thousands of visitors although it is not held every year.

Diana is pictured with one of her monsters, with a view of them in her garden, left.

Pictures: Keith Jones 641082/641075

Farmer and BNP activist admits having explosives

A BNP activist from Lakenheath has admitted illegally possessing explosive materials.

David Lucas, of South Road, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled explosive substance without a licence when he appeared at Ipswich Crown Court on Friday.

But the 49-year-old farmer, who is a leading member of the British National Party, denied having an explosive substance under suspicious circumstances and being in possession of an offensive weapon.

The offences are alleged to have been committed on April 23 last year.

The court also heard prosecutors had decided not to pursue a fourth alleged offence of possessing ammunition with intent to endanger life.

Judge John Holt told Lucas that he would stand trial at the same court on July 25. The hearing is expected to last for four days.

Lucas was granted bail, which will require him to remain to live and sleep at either South Road, Lakenheath, or at a caravan at Black Dyke Farm in Hockwold.

Lucas has also been ordered not to contact William Hudson or Robert Chipperfield and not to attempt to leave the UK.

Strip clubs may be regulated by new licensing

A LAP dancing club will be hit by new fees costing thousands of pounds – and could even lose its licence.

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Heaven Gentleman's Club, in High Street, Newmarket, is one of two licensed strip clubs which could be affected by the changes to licensing laws proposed by Forest Heath District Council.

The second is Usher's at Lakenheath Country Club.

Members of the council's licensing committee voted on Monday to push ahead with plans for a 'sex establishment policy', which will force strip clubs to apply for licences under tough new rules.

The council will also charge a new £1,207 annual levy on the district's strip clubs and a one-off fee of up to £5,000 to obtain a licence.

Jason Newell, managing director of Heaven, said: "Getting the licence is not guaranteed.

"There are no grandfather rights and they will assess us on a number of criteria, which we will have to meet. If we do not obtain this licence, it will put a number of staff's job at risk and will simply put more strain on the local social and support services.

"We just hope we are successful with our application.

"We have never had any problems with the council or police. If anything, they are really impressed with how we run our business."

On the new legislation, he added: "It's good that only well-run establishments will be able to operate. I suppose £1,200 is not too bad, but we also have to pay a fee of up to £5,000, which puts further financial strain on our business."

Under existing rules, strip clubs are treated the same as pubs or clubs. The new rules will create a new category of 'sex entertainment venue' – classing strip joints in the same category as a sex shop – with tougher rules than normal licensed premises.

The powers are intended to give the public a greater say if a new strip club wants to open.

Residents can now object if the club is 'out of character' to a particular area.

However, Cllr Eddie Stewart spoke out against the changes.

He said: "I do not see why we need to adopt these powers.

"I do not recall any problems in Newmarket or at Usher's.

"Why bring in a policy that will cost money and time?"

But committee chairman Cllr Roger Dicker believed the changes were necessary after hearing from officers that strip club operators were keen to set up new venues in Forest Heath.

He said: "The public is frustrated about how powerless we are regarding licensed premises. We could have problem if there was not this new layer of bureaucracy."

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Twins on course for fun night

IRISH twins Jedward have joined the line-up for the X Factor Finalists' show at Newmarket Racecourses in June.

Famed for their upbeat performances and crazy hairstyles, John and Edward Grimes were one of the most popular acts of the last series of X Factor.

The identical twins will join Olly Murs, Stacey Soloman, Jamie Archer, Danyl Johnson and Lucie Jones on the July Course stage on Friday, June 18, for the latest Newmarket Nights gig.

Stephen Wallis, managing director of Newmarket Racecourses, said: "We are really pleased to be adding Jedward to the X Factor Finalists' line-up. I'm sure Jedward will add a really fun element to the evening. The line-up for 2010 is complete and we are really pleased with the range of acts we have."

Other acts this summer include Spandau Ballet, Razorlight, Simply Red, James Morrison, Madness and Westlife.

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Council tax dodgers face bankruptcy

PEOPLE owing council tax could face bankruptcy proceedings.

Three councils in the Anglia Revenues Partnership have vowed to serve bankruptcy petitions on householders who have persistently avoided paying the tax.

The action should help bring in more than £34,000 in outstanding tax owed to Forest Heath District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and Breckland Council, which are all members of the financial partnership.

Cllr Rona Burt, deputy chairman of Forest Heath District Council, said: "In order to keep your council tax bill low, and to be fair to those who do pay their council tax, all councils have to collect the money quickly and efficiently, using every method available to them.

"Unfortunately there is always a small minority of people who choose not to pay or who deliberately avoid payment of their council tax. It is these deliberate non payers we will target.

"The ARP, working on our behalf, will continue to utilise every recovery method available in order to recover unpaid council tax."

A council spokeswoman said 98 per cent of householders paid the tax promptly.

But she said that anyone facing genuine financial hardship should tell the council or ARP and seek help. She said independent organisations such as the Citizens' Advice Bureau could also provide help with debt management.

Accident scene: mattresses are among items scattered on the A14 in the crash near the A142 junction to Soham. Picture: Keith Jones 639942

Debris scattered after lorries crash on A14

TWO lorries collided in an accident that left debris scattered across the A14 and caused rush-hour chaos for motorists.

A lorry belonging to Glasswells World of Furniture had broken down on the eastbound carriageway, around half a mile east of the junction with the A142 to Soham, when the other vehicle crashed into the side of it, at around 5.04pm on Tuesday last week.

One lane was closed, with drivers reporting long delays as the debris, including mattresses, was cleared from the road.

A Suffolk police spokesman said: "One lorry had suffered a mechanical failure and had broken down when it was hit by the other one."

No injuries were reported, he added.

The second lorry involved in the incident was white and belonged to Savage Haulage.

District website wins top marks

A COUNCIL'S website has been praised as a national example of good practice. Forest Heath District Council's website is one of only 15 across the country to have maintained an A grading given by national body Socitm which looked at 433 council websites for accessibility by people with disabilities.

Cllr Tony Wheble, Forest Heath's computer and technology champion, said: "To retain this grading is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the very hard work of the ICT team and those who work on the development of the website, which we believe is a key communication tool for our residents."

In its document Better Connected 2010: a snapshot of all local authority websites, Socitm says: "The prime reason for accessibility is that badly designed and implemented websites can make it difficult, or impossible, for disabled people to use the internet. Achieving level A is a major landmark in the development of a council website."

Six tickets issued after month of road checks

POLICE issued just six fixed penalty speeding tickets during four weeks of checks on roads where residents had complained about motorists breaking the limit.

Members of the Newmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) carried out speed checks in Burwell Road, Exning, and Snailwell Road, Newmarket, after the issue was made a priority.

Sgt Mark Shipton, from Newmarket SNT, said: "We regularly receive complaints about dangerous driving and particularly speeding. Motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods are very often unaware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and so we will continue to carry out speed enforcement in Newmarket and Exning." The speeding issue has been withdrawn as a priority for the team.

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School oil leak hits classrooms

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VILLAGE school pupils may have to use temporary classrooms until next February after a major oil leak caused pollution.

Mobile buildings were put on the playground at Cheveley Primary School following the discovery of a leak in the school's heating system.

The leak, discovered at the end of last year, put two classrooms and a toilet area out of use because of fumes.

As a result, Cambridgeshire education chiefs brought in a double mobile classroom, measuring about 54ft by 20ft, and a temporary toilet.

Around half the school's 120 pupils are now using the temporary building while county council and Environment Agency experts try to tackle the pollution.

Now the county council has made a formal application for planning permission to retain the temporary buildings up to next February.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is being asked to comment on the retrospective application.

Letters and reports attached to the application show that a "major decontamination process" has been needed.

Drains, water supply pipes and soil has been affected by the leak from an underground oil pipe.

New pipes have already been laid to replace those affected – including the water supply.

But county council officials have said it remains unclear how long it will take to tackle the pollution and allow the children to return to their main school building.

A county council spokesman said: "The planning application for temporary classrooms has been made following an oil leak at the school late last year.

"Odours from the oil, whilst not harmful, were causing a nuisance which if not dealt with quickly could have disrupted the education of the children.

"As a result, the county council, in consultation with the school's management team, decided to provide temporary accommodation whilst the oil leak is cleaned up.

"Extensive site investigations have been carried out and the county council has been working with a specialist environmental consultant, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Environment Agency to identify the most effective way of cleaning up the spill."

The spokesman was unable to say how much it was costing to clear up the spillage and provide the temporary classrooms.

Care home wins special accreditation

A CARE home in Newmarket has been given accreditation as a specialist dementia care provider.

Kingfisher Care Home has been recognised as a PEARL specialist dementia service home.

Peter Walton, manager of the home in St Fabian's Close, Newmarket, said: "We are delighted to have received recognition and accreditation as a PEARL Specialist Dementia Service Home.

"We started working toward accreditation in February 2009 and care for 29 residents with dementia needs. We have seen particular improvement in residents' general wellbeing and found the biggest impact of working with the PEARL Dementia Service framework to be a far greater depth of understanding by team members of the needs of residents with dementia leading to much improved outcomes for the residents."

Kingfisher is one of 216 care homes in England owned by Four Seasons Health Care.

Bus in collision with parked taxi

A BUS driver is facing possible prosecution after his double-decker was in collision with a stationary taxi. No-one was hurt in the smash in Rowley Drive, Newmarket, which happened just before 11am last Thursday.

The Skoda taxi ended up in the fence of the nearby Houldsworth Valley Primary School. There were no children at the school because of the Easter holiday.

A Suffolk police spokeswoman said the bus driver had been reported for possible prosecution for careless driving.

The road was partly blocked until the damaged vehicles were removed.

Open weekend offers free leisure classes

FREE fitness classes will be among the attractions at Newmarket Leisure Centre this weekend.

Instructors at the Exning Road centre will offer junior tone, dance mats, tumblers and Easyline sessions on Saturday and Sunday as part of its open weekend.

Other activities taking place include the World's Biggest Swim and the 2010 Health and Wellbeing Fair.

Andy Killin, leisure facilities manager at Anglia Community Leisure, said: "Newmarket Leisure Centre will be buzzing this weekend with something for everyone.

"We want to be seen as a real centre for the community so we hope everyone will find the time to pop in and take advantage of our free offers."

Marine engines taken from back garden

TWO boat engines have been stolen from a back garden in Lakenheath.

The Isuzu marine engines were taken from the property in Station Road on Sunday between 11am and 5pm.

Anyone with information should call Sgt Chris Chisnall on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Historic £5 note may bank its owner £350

A RARE Newmarket £5 note produced just over 100 years ago when the town was still printing its own money is set to fetch up to £350 at an auction.

The valuable black and white Edwardian fiver, with its value underprinted in green, is emblazoned with the words "Newmarket Bank" and was issued by the privately-owned Newmarket Bank on May 7,1902 – just a few weeks before the coronation of King Edward VII.

Newmarket Bank was one of the oldest and most successful privately-owned banks in East Anglia.

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It was founded by Hammond & Co in 1770 and, while hundreds of other provincial banks in Britain went bust, it overcame all the economic crises of the 19th century and continued trading until 1905, when it was taken over by Barclays Bank.

The Newmarket fiver was due to be auctioned by Spink at its headquarters in Bloomsbury, London, yesterday when it was expected to sell for between £250 and £350.

Auctioneers Spink describe the note as "scarce" and despite its age they say it is in "good fine" condition.

Barnaby Faull, head of the banknotes department at Spink, said: "All towns and cities in England used to issue their own banknotes.

"Merchants would get together and start up their own banks, but their notes, which were like IOUs, could only be used locally.

"But when these provincial banks went bust their notes became completely worthless."

In the late 1700s and the 1800s there were hundreds of privately-owned banks throughout England and Wales, all printing their own money, because – before motorways and security firms – it was too difficult and dangerous bringing quantities of cash from London.

This is not the first time that a Newmarket banknote has come up for sale at Spink.

On September 30, 2004, a 1903 Newmarket £10 note sold for £280.

Cambridge also printed its own money.

The Cambridge Bank was founded by John Mortlock & Company some time before 1780.

A rival Cambridge bank, run by two businessmen named Skrine and Humphrey, was launched in 1823, but went bust in 1845.

Another Cambridge bank, run by Barker & Eaden, also started in 1823 and from 1827 was run by F D Barker. That also went bust, in 1840.

Police appeal to public as copper is stolen from properties

COPPER theft is on the rise in Newmarket, according to police.

Officers have warned members of the public to stay on the lookout for suspicious people hanging around empty properties or houses being renovated following a spate of copper thefts in recent months.

Sergeant Mark Shipton, from the town's safer neighbourhoods team, said: "Historically this type of theft occurs from building sites, however more recently offenders have been gaining entry to empty or uninhabited residential and business properties to obtain the metal.

"We think the rise in this type of theft is occurring as a result of the continuing increase of prices of scrap copper.

"Offenders can cause extensive and costly damage to properties, ripping out radiators, pulling pipes from walls and removing pipes from lofts.

"On some occasions the water has not been shut off prior to the pipes being removed causing additional water damage.

"There is also a real possibility that someone may try to remove gas pipes that could obviously result in a potentially dangerous gas leak."

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Streets in need of a clean-up

Sir, I feel sure that the vast majority of your readers will identify fully with my concerns, and yet sadly a sizeable minority reading this will tut! tut! tut! with agreement and yet will be the very perpetrators of the crime of littering: I make no apology if I offend their sensitivities.

My wife and I travel extensively in connection with our work, predominantly throughout East Anglia, and wherever we go it is plainly evident that the countryside as well as our cities and towns are drowning under an ever growing carpet of rubbish. Before we set off on our day's work, we hang a plastic bag from one of several cup holders in our van and collect all sweet and sandwich wrappers, which is then dispensed into the correct bins on returning home: what could be simpler.

Why aren't the county and local councils fulfilling their obligations to clear up the appalling mountains of refuse that in many cases have been in evidence for years?

In fact, they can if they wish contact me through your newspaper, and I'll be more than happy to spend a day taking them on a guided tour.

A typical case is Fordham Road between Newmarket town centre to the warehouse occupied by Turners of Soham.

We have been travelling along this road for a good many years and we can never recall it being clear of rubbish and litter.

Here can be found cans, old tyres, food wrappers and even polythene bags from Tesco that hang like bunting from bushes on both sides of the road. Sadly, this is representative of vast swathes of the UK.

Whenever we have seen any evidence of litter picking, the operatives only seem to remove that which is easily accessible along the visible margins of the carriageways, and that which is entrenched under trees and bushes rarely, if ever, gets removed: sadly litter begets litter.

On reflection, no doubt the reluctance to perform a high level clean-up would be governed by "elf and safety" or contravene someone's "yuman rights" (with apologies to the *Daily Mail*'s Richard Littlejohn).

A possible solution would be to make use of work-shy claimants on jobseekers' allowances, those with Asbos and, just to be sure they don't abscond, shackle them with chains to keep them fully focused.

On a serious note, I look forward to comments and some meaningful action from the county and local councils on how they are going to use our council tax to perform a statutory requirement of keeping our streets and by-ways free from litter. After all is said and done, with an election imminent, what better way to show willing . . . if you get my drift.

Bob Windsor
Six Mile Bottom

MEMORIES

THIS week's photograph, from our archives, shows some people dressed in western gear.
Do you recognise any of the people, and could you say what year this picture was taken? What was the occasion?

We welcome your letters or emails. Last week's picture, below, shows people meeting MP Sir Eldon Griffiths when he paid a visit to Gazeley.
The photograph was taken in February, 1974.

Send your recollections to: Memories, *Newmarket Weekly News*, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8XL, or email *editorial@newmarketweekly news.co.uk* by Tuesday morning.

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Not enough info to make decision

Sir, At the risk of losing kudos – and maybe votes – I must correct some errors in last week's letter regarding the recent Hatchfield planning meeting (Why ignore this level of protest?).

Firstly, I am now an independent district councillor and independent parliamentary candidate.

With reference to the letter, while I would not disagree with many of the facts stated and points made by Cllrs Drummond, Hirst, Huggan and Radford, I declared at the meeting , though not able to vote, my belief that the application should be deferred.

My objective opinion was that the information available, particularly lack of a highways assessment, was not adequate to make an informed decision and, most importantly, there was a real risk that potential appeal costs following an invalid rejection might have to be met out of council taxes.

Councillors must make decisions based on fact and law. There is a possibility that the next Government might change the law before the Hatchfield application is considered again. I could vote for that.

Cllr Andrew Appleby
Fordham Road
Newmarket

LETTERS POLICY

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Recycle plan protesters win support

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

DISTRICT councillors have highlighted worries about controversial plans to develop a former scrapyard into a major recycling operation.

The scheme has caused protests in Fordham, where recycling company P.F. Ahern wants to redevelop the former railway station.

People living nearby have complained that the operation will blight their homes and increase noise, smells and traffic problems.

They have expressed their views at special meetings held in the village and have won support from the parish council.

Now East Cambridgeshire District Council has taken on board some of their concerns which it is passing on to Cambridgeshire County Council.

The county council will decide whether planning permission can be granted as it is responsible for all issues related to waste.

Members of East Cambridgeshire's planning committee asked that the county should take note of concerns about noise and traffic from the scheme – which would bring 75 lorry visits a day.

The old station, which has been closed for more than 40 years since the "Beeching Axe" shut the branch line to Mildenhall, was previously used as a scrapyard.

The current plan would mean the demolition of the old station building and the construction of a "materials recovery facility" together with a lorry workshop, offices and facilities for workers.

Residents have argued that the operation should be sited on an industrial estate – not in a rural setting.

They have complained that the scheme to use the six-acre former station site also encroaches onto adjoining farm land.

They are worried that it will result in traffic jams as well as noise and smells.

It is currently unclear when the county council will decide whether to give planning permission.

Cllr John Abbott, one of Fordham's district councillors, said: "It would have been difficult to object because there is already planning permission for part of the site.

"I wanted this discussed by the committee because there is a lot of concern in the village.

"We are trying to urge the county council to put on very strict conditions about noise control and working hours."

He added: "We also wanted some very careful controls about traffic routing and access."

Blaze of colour: two of the cast from Joseph at St Andrew's Primary School in Soham CP

Pupils win standing ovation

CHILDREN at St Andrew's Primary School in Soham have been wearing all the colours of the rainbow to perform *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The school's Key Stage Two drama club began rehearsing in October and gave up all their weekends since January to put the show together.

Teacher Lisa Gregory said: "Through the retelling of the biblical story, the children have developed confidence, musical, theatrical, dance and teamwork skills in abundance.

"On the final night they achieved a standing ovation for their hard work and in particular their beautiful singing."

Fun dog show to boost appeal

A CHARITY fun dog show will be held next month to raise money for woman jockey Camilla Milbank who broke her neck in a fall from a horse.

Miss Milbank, 34, has been left in a wheelchair after the fall last July.

Her mother, caterer Wendy Milbank, has already praised the support she has had from Newmarket's racing industry.

The Newmarket Joggers are hoping to top £1,000 for the Friends of Camilla Milbank appeal at the annual Heath Run on Thursday, May 6.

Now a dog show is being planned by Sue and Ian Willows at the town's British Racing School on Sunday, May 9.

Camilla is expected to be at the event to judge one of the classes.

The organisers are appealing for sponsors to help reduce the costs.

Anyone interested in sponsoring rosettes, class awards or help in any way is asked to contact the couple on (01638) 662869 or email *ian.willows@ntlworld.com*

Crews rescue crash victim

FIREFIGHTERS freed a woman from a car which crashed into a field.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, which happened on the B1112 road between Lakenheath and Eriswell, at around 11.30pm last Thursday.

Fire crews from Newmarket, Mildenhall and Brandon were called to release the woman from the vehicle which had rolled over.

The woman, believed to be in her 20s, was taken to the military hospital at the Lakenheath US Air Force base.

Her injuries were not thought to have been life-threatening.

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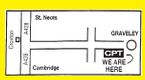

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Grand occasion: Dr Nigel Brown takes on the mantel of High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire.
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Swearing in for ancient role

JUDGES' wigs, plumed hats and other ceremonial garb were the order of the day – for the swearing in of Cambridgeshire's new High Sheriff.

The man assuming the ancient office is Dr Nigel Brown, one of the region's best-known business figures, who takes over the reins from Lady de Ramsey.

A spokeswoman for the High Sheriff's office said: "The office of sheriff developed under the Saxon kings and has continued ever since. On the eve of Matinmas – November 12 – each year, nominations for the Office of High Sheriff take place at a ceremony in the Royal Courts of Justice. The following March the list is submitted to the Queen who, in an ancient tradition using a bodkin, 'pricks' the Sheriffs for the following year.

"The High Sheriff is then formally sworn into his office in a ceremony according to local custom and practice."

This year, installation of the High Sheriff took place for the first time in the new Cambridge Crown Court, East Road.

Centuries ago the sheriffs had wide-ranging responsibility, including supervising local tax collection, but their role nowadays is largely ceremonial.

Tributes for town stalwart

BY JACK GROVE
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A LONG-serving councillor who "was always there to help" has died at the age of 90.

Whether serving in Hagger's bakery in Mildenhall or on Forest Heath District Council, Dorothy Madeley was a pillar of her community for decades.

Mrs Madeley, who was a district councillor for 25 years, was also a Suffolk county councillor, a governor of St Mary's Primary School, president of the Mildenhall's St John's Ambulance and patron of the town's scout group during a lifetime of public service.

She was presented by the Queen in 1996 with an MBE for her outstanding work in the community.

She died at West Suffolk Hospital, in Bury St Edmunds, on Sunday after paramedics were called to her home on Saturday.

Cllr Malcolm Smith, chairman of Forest Heath District Council, said: "She was always there to help people – it didn't matter who they were, she would never turn people away.

"When you went into Hagger's, she would always be ready with a pot of soup.

"People would go in and out of there all day to buy their bread and talk to her – it was a lovely place and she was a lovely woman.

"She used to do outside catering, so all the wedding cakes in Mildenhall were made by Dorothy. She also did all the birthday cakes and Hagger's cakes were fantastic.

"She was the secretary of the Conservative association for 30 years and she was behind me all the way. She got me into the Tory party, encouraged me to stand as a parish councillor, then district councillor and I'm now chairman of Forest Heath."

Council leader Geoffrey Jaggard added: "She was a dedicated and committed councillor who did her very best for the local community – I was very sorry to hear of her death."

The flag at the council's offices has been flown at half-mast this week as a mark of respect to Mrs Madeley, who served as chairman from 1979-80.

She leaves behind three children, Julie, Mary and Noel, as well as a step-daughter Annette.

Her funeral is set to take place at St Mary's, in Mildenhall. A date has not yet been set.

Sign up for evening running classes

JOGGERS are invited to sign up for a new beginners' running programme in Newmarket.

The classes start at the Red Lodge Pavilion on Wednesday, April 21.

The activity sessions are funded by Active Wellbeing from Suffolk Sport and run in partnership with the Run in England initiative and Anglia Community Leisure.

Runners will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm for 10 weeks under the watchful eye of Jennie Grimwood, a Level 2 coach.

The course is open to anyone aged 19 and over and will cost £20 for the full 10 weeks.

For more details, call on (01638) 717737.

General Election 2010: guide to candidates

Five to fight for Tory stronghold

South East Cambridgeshire

Jonathan Chatfield: LIberal Democrat

John Cowan: Labour

Andy Monk: UK Independence Party

James Paice: Conservative

Geoffrey Woollard: Independent

■ Jonathan Chatfield: Liberal Democrat
A former railway station manager at Cambridge and sales and marketing manager for Stansted Express, he is now with Network Rail working on investment projects. He studied economics, politics and history at the University of Bradford. He was elected a South Cambridgeshire District Councillor in 2002, and has been a parish councillor at Histon for five years. He is fluent in French and has recently graduated with a masters degree from Warwick Business School. He is actively involved in his local village church and enjoys cycling, walking and an allotment. Aged 39, he lives in Impington and he and his wife Doris have a young son.

■ John Cowan: Labour
A race team owner who is currently single, he is chairman of Barnham Broom Parish Council, near Norwich, and lives in the village. Now aged 35, he was the youngest councillor in Norfolk when elected. Educated at Barnham Broom Primary, Wymondham High School and Cawston College he also attended West Norwich Sixth-Form Centre. He then studied business at University Campus Suffolk. His team Spirit Racing runs a Formula Ford Lotus Elise and is planning on entering the Le Mans Series. In 2007, having spent time with the Mohawk Community in Kahnawake, he converted to paganism.

■ Andy Monk: United Kingdom Independence Party
Married with two children and living in Bury, near Ramsey, he is 43 and works in advertising sales. He has previously worked in financial services and healthcare. He says he would fight for student grants instead of student loans, cleaner hospitals, stronger prison sentences, better pensions and to have our armed forces remain independent and not part of an EU army. On a local level, he also wants to make sure Ely's markets will never fall victim to council cost-cutting measures and wants answers on the "ludicrous" overspend of the guided busway. He said: "A vote for Andy Monk and UKIP is a true vote for change and change for the better for all local people in South East Cambridgeshire."

■ James Paice: Conservative
The sitting MP is 61 and lives in Fordham with his wife Ava. They been married for 37 years and have two grown-up sons. He became Conservative MP for the constituency in 1987. After school, he spent two years working on farms before attending Writtle Agricultural College and starting a career in farm management. In his youth and early twenties he was active in the Young Farmers movement, representing the UK on the European Council of Young Farmers. Mr Paice has spent the majority of his time in opposition as the Conservative Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs. In his spare time, he enjoys country pursuits, tending to his small herd of Highland cattle and spending time with his family.

■ Geoffrey Woollard: Independent
Born in Bottisham and from a long line of Cambridgeshire farmers, he was educated in Bottisham, Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds and worked for his father until 1968 when he took over the family farming business. Aged 72, he has been married for 48 years and he and his wife Sue have two children and two adult grandchildren. They live near Upware. He is a member of Swaffham Prior Parish Council , and is a former East Cambridgeshire district councillor and Cambridgeshire county councillor. His main aims are saving the Fens from being developed by the National Trust, stopping fox hunting and hare coursing being 'unbanned', and bringing 'our boys' back from Afghanistan.

General Election 2010: guide to candidates in the West Suffolk and South East Cambridgeshire constituencies

Candidates declare as battle commences

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West Suffolk

FIVE candidates have been declared so far in the battle for the West Suffolk constituency in the 2010 General Election.

Conservative Richard Spring has been the sitting MP since the 1997 election, but is not seeking re-election on May 6.

Since 1997, Haverhill has been brought into the constituency to join the Newmarket and Mildenhall areas, while Bury St Edmunds was removed from the seat.

One of the key issues is expected to be the future of Newmarket's horseracing industry.

The five candidates are profiled left.

In **South East Cambridgeshire** there are also five candidates, profiled on the facing page.

The constituency includes the eastern half of the South Cambridgeshire district and the southern part of East Cambridgeshire. Ely is the largest community, with smaller communities including Soham, Burwell, Cheveley, Dullingham, Isleham, Fordham, Stretham, Bottisham and surrounding villages.

In the 2005 election, Conservative Jim Paice won the seat with 47 per cent of the vote.

The constituency is renowned for its Fenland beauty but there are many issues including the need for improved infrastructure, transport links, leisure facilities and jobs.

East Cambridgeshire District Council rubber-stamped its budget for 2010/11, which saw many services being cut back.

The deadline for declarations is on Tuesday.

Ohid Ahmed: Labour.

Matthew Hancock: Conservative.

Ian Smith: UK Independence Party.

■ Ohid Ahmed: Labour
A councillor in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets where he represents East India and Lansbury ward, he is also cabinet member for resources and performance.
He is married with three children.

■ Andrew Appleby: Independent:
A horsebox driver living in Newmarket, he was one of the leaders of a campaign to reform the Stable Lads' Association. He was formerly elected to Forest Heath District Council as a Liberal Democrat.
He and his wife Pat have a son and daughter who also work in the horseracing industry.
Links:
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■ Belinda Brooks-Gordon: Liberal Democrat
A Cambridgeshire county councillor, she is a forensic psychology expert and a regular contributor to BBC radio programmes.
She lives in Cambridge with partner Mark, a vet, and they have four children. She has worked on women's issues and has campaigned on sustainable transport, education and disability rights.
Links:
Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/bbrooksgordon?ref=profile, http://twitter.com/BelindaBG.

Andrew Appleby: Independent.

Belinda Brooks-Gordon: Liberal Democrat

■ Matthew Hancock: Conservative
A former chief of staff to Shadow Chancellor George Osborn, he lives in Thurlow.
He and his wife Martha have a daughter and a son.
He has a master's degree in economics from Cambridge.
In 2005 he set out on foot to play cricket at the North Pole, and though he did not reach the pole he still managed to play the most northerly recorded game of cricket.
Link: www.matthewhancock.co.uk

■ Ian Smith: United Kingdom Independence Party
A parish councillor who has stood at the last two general elections as well as county and district council elections, he has lived in Lakenheath with his family since 1990.
He is a classically trained musician and has worked as a self-employed organist, pianist and private music tutor.
Link: ianjsmith15@btinternet.com

2005 results

West Suffolk:

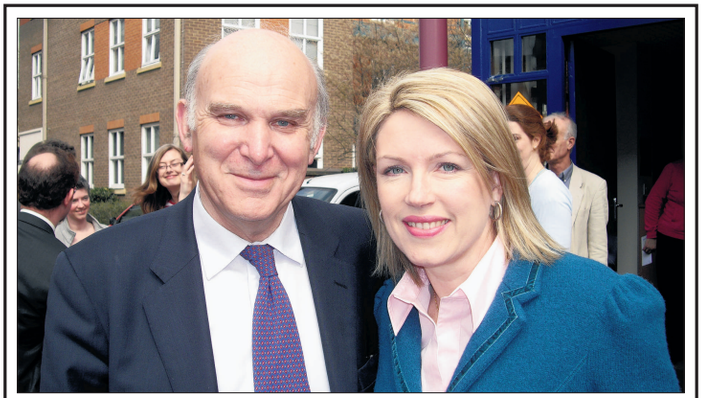
Richard Spring (Con) 21, 682
Michael Jefferys (Lab) 12,773
Adrian Graves (Lib Dem) 7,573
Ian Smith (UKIP) 2,177

Con majority – 8,909

South East Cambridgeshire:

James Paice (Con) 26,374
Jonathan Chatfield (Lib Dem) 17,750
Fiona Ross (Lab) 11,936

Con majority – 8,624



Cable brings support

LIB DEM shadow chancellor Vince Cable has backed West Suffolk candidate Belinda Brooks-Gordon during a visit to the region (pictured).

The Liberal Democrat deputy leader met the parliamentary hopeful while on the campaign trail in Cambridge.

Belinda said: "His support is invaluable during this campaign and means a great deal to all of us.

"He is one of the country's most respected politicians with a full diary of engagements so it was encouraging that he managed to take an afternoon out to spend time with candidates in the eastern region."

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Judge rules more probes on 'Del Boy'

BY JOHN GOODE

Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

A FRAUDSTER operated a business under the name of Trotter Independent Trading – similar to "Del Boy's" dodgy operation in the 1980's television comedy *Only Fools and Horses.*

David Aves, 51, was said to have netted cash and goods totalling £120,000 in a series of scams which included defrauding companies based in the Newmarket area.

He is serving a four and a half year jail sentence, imposed in November, after admitting nine offences of theft, 10 of fraud and one of perverting the course of justice.

He was back in court last Thursday when he was due to have faced proceedings to seize his assets.

But the hearing was delayed after the judge heard that vital documents had not been received by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Judge David Goodin ruled that further investigations were needed to establish whether shares held by Aves, of Bradfield St George, near Bury St Edmunds, had any financial value.

A further hearing is due to take place on April 29.

The court heard previously that he stole a generator belonging to Newmarket Plant Hire when he hired the £3,000 piece of equipment and did not pay the rental of more than £1,000.

He also rented two car trailers, together worth more than £4,000, and did not return them.

The court heard that Aves had previously appeared in court on 27 occasions for 125 separate offences, some committed using 10 aliases and some from a prison cell.

One of the company names he used was Trotter Independent Trading.

Ten years ago Aves shot to public attention after managing to get himself released from Norwich Prison by using fake bail papers. He was later recaptured.

Award for nursery: from left are Jane Jones, acting chief executive of Investors in People, Dame Carol Black, national director for Health and Work who presented the award, Linda Baston-Pitt, director of the Old School House and Mike Maurice, marketing director. CP

Nursery leads way in wellbeing

A CHILDREN'S nursery is among the first seven organisations to receive a new award as part of the Investors in People scheme.

The Old School House Day Nursery at Stetchworth received the Health and Wellbeing at work Good Practice Award at a special presentation in London.

In December the Old School House became the first children's nursery in the country to be awarded the gold standard for Investors in People – the highest level of accreditation.

Other winners of the Health and Wellbeing award which has just been introduced are top London hotel Claridges, the giant Kimberly-Clark organisation which makes Kleenex tissues and NHS Suffolk, which is responsible for Newmarket Hospital.

Linda Baston-Pitt, Old School House director, said: "Most of us spend a great deal of our time in the workplace, making it one of the most important places for advice and help about healthier lifestyles.

"We are committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our staff, children and families continues to be a priority. This award is a great way of demonstrating that commitment and a wonderful testament to the exceptional and innovative work of our whole staff team."

The Old School House is organising a Health and Wellbeing conference for professionals and educators at Babraham Hall, near Cambridge, on April 24. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Old School House (01638) 507178.

Crews called to A11 crash

TWO people were taken to hospital after a crash on the A11.

The collision involving two vehicles happened southbound between Barton Mills and Red Lodge on Sunday.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 12.45pm.

Crews from Mildenhall and Newmarket attended.

No-one was trapped in the vehicles and the fire service made the scene safe.

A spokesman from the East of England Ambulance Service said two people were taken to West Suffolk Hospital by ambulance with what were believed to be "minor injuries".

Vandals hit fashion shop

VANDALS caused £2,000 damage by smashing two windows at a fashion shop.

The incident happened at Martha V in Newmarket High Street on the night of Thursday, April 1.

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Guided tour to see fen bats

A BAT night will take place at Lakenheath Fen next week.

The information evening on Friday, April 23 will be led by local bat expert Bill Landells and will begin at 7.45pm.

It will begin with a short introductory talk by Mr Landells about the 17 species of bat in the UK before the group ventures on to the reserve to search for the winged creatures using sound detectors.

David White, information officer at Lakenheath Fen said: "Bats have got to be one of Britain's strangest mammals, with their big ears and amazing ability to find prey using only sound.

"Why not come along and learn more about these fascinating creatures?"

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RAF base builds digital links

RAF Mildenhall has launched a series of social media sites to improve links with nearby residents.

The base has set up sites on Facebook, Twitter and Flickr to promote its activities, which include voluntary work in the West Suffolk area.

Anonymous donation for a Champion cause

AN anonymous £1,000 donation has boosted a fundraising marathon by former jockey Bob Champion.

Bob, the 1981 Grand National winner who lives at Cheveley, will set off on Sunday on what is called his 60-60 Challenge.

He is intending to visit all 60 of Britain's racecourses in 60 days to help promote horse racing and raise money for his Cancer Trust and the Newmarket-based Injured Jockeys Fund.

Sports car company Lotus has loaned him one of its latest Evora cars for the challenge in which he is expected to cover around 10,000 miles.

He is hoping to raise £250,000 in the challenge in which sponsors can pay as little as £50 to meet him and have a day at the racecourse of their choice.

The anonymous donor decided to support the challenge after reading a report about it in the *Weekly News*.

Bob, who set up his Cancer Trust after his recovery from cancer to win the Grand National, said: "It's a fantastic gesture. Things like this make everything worthwhile. Every penny is worth having."

He will set off from Ascot and is due to visit Newmarket for the 1000 Guineas race on Sunday, May 2.

Money raised for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust will help fund research into prostate cancer which is being undertaken at London's Royal Marsden Hospital.

For more details visit *www.champions6060.org.uk*

In our weekly column, reporter JOHN GOODE takes a look behind the racing scene to bring you news from in and around the stables.

Winners: Bob Champion on Aldaniti in 1981 and, inset, pictured recently.

Young sailors win £11,000 cash boost

YOUNGSTERS in Newmarket will have the chance to sail thanks to a £11,000 donation to a Suffolk boating club.

The West Suffolk Learning and Skills Partnership (LSP) has given the cash to charity Young People Afloat to buy four beginners' boats, as well as a Topper and a Laser for intermediate sailors.

The charity, which is based at Lackford Lakes, near Bury St Edmunds, has been established for nearly 30 years and offers sailing experience to 9 to 18-year-olds who may otherwise not have the opportunity.

John Webb, one of the organisers, says: "The club is hugely popular and we currently have a long waiting list of 50 people wanting to try sailing as complete beginners.

"As we only had eight beginners' boats we were very restricted as to how many new sailors we could take on each year and the extra boats, funded by the LSP, will really help. We are indebted to the organisation for supporting our application to increase access to sailing for more children in West Suffolk and to make sure that we can sustain them in subsequent years."

John Griffiths, chairman of the West Suffolk LSP, added: "Sailing is an exhilarating sport but not many of us here in West Suffolk get the chance to give it a try, so we were delighted to fund the extra boats for beginners."

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Marathon in memory of a very special grandad

Getting set: Kelly Wilson has been training hard for the London Marathon, which she is running in memory of her great-grandfather 'Grandad Dick', right, and to raise money for Age UK. Picture: David Johnson 636572

FOR the last year, Kelly Wilson has spent every spare moment pounding the pavements.

The 26-year-old has been out running at dawn, after dark, at weekends and in all weathers: wind, rain and even snow. She's worn out two pairs of trainers, her feet are covered in blisters and her back's killing her.

But Kelly shows no signs of stopping. All this hard work has, she explains, been in preparation for this month's London Marathon – which she's running in memory of her adored grandad.

BY ALICE RYAN

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"Grandad Dick lived with us all my life, up until he died at the age of 98," says Kelly. "He was a real character, hilarious actually. He walked with a pair of sticks and he quite often used them to poke people: it was a bit of a nightmare when you were out, but it was hilarious.

"And when he laughed, he laughed 'til he cried. It was so infectious: when he started we couldn't help joining in . . . I've got a lot of happy memories and they've been coming back to me a lot lately.

"It happens when I'm getting towards the end of a long run. I start thinking about him and I suddenly find myself having to hold back the tears. People must look at me and think 'What IS that mad woman doing?'"

Sitting in a café, cradling a big mug of tea, the Royston girl explains she's running the marathon both for her grandad and for Age UK – the newly-combined Age Concern and Help the Aged. The charity is, she adds, a cause very close to her heart: although Grandad Dick lived with his family, and had them round him right to the end, Kelly says she is painfully aware that a lot of elderly people live alone and, in many cases, face both sickness and poverty.

"My aim is to raise £2,000 and the money is really important: Age UK does vital work," says Kelly. "But it's also about raising awareness. We're all living longer and there are millions of elderly people out there in real need – in need of food, heating, care and companionship."

Help the Aged figures show that two million pensioners – that's 18 per cent of the total number of pensioners in the UK – live below the poverty line. More than half of over-75s live alone. And more than a million say they feel trapped in their homes.

"It really upsets me," says Kelly. "Most of these people have worked all their lives, many of them have fought wars for us. Just simple things, like someone popping in once or twice a week to have a chat, can make a real difference to their quality of life."

Kelly decided to run the marathon early last summer. Although she was already "a bit of a gym bunny", she says she needed to get her body used to road running – and covering marathon distances. "The most I'd done was about 10 minutes on the treadmill, so it was a huge change," she laughs. "But I am quite a competitive person. I like to push myself. I'd always wanted to do a marathon and I thought, if I was going to do it, it should be for a purpose – for a really good cause."

To see Kelly now – tall, slim, incredibly toned – it's hard to believe that, just a few short years ago, she weighed more than 15st. "I started gaining weight when I was at uni," she says. "Believe it or not, I did a sports science degree. But I injured my ankle and couldn't do anything for ages. I didn't do anything and, at the same time, ate lots and drank lots – the way you do at uni. Over two and a half years I went up to 15½st.

"I didn't really pay that much attention until I went away on a football tour with my friends: I was in goal and quite drunk for most of it . . .

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Slimline: Kelly has shed plenty of pounds while training for the London Marathon. 636574
Above: on holiday before her gruelling regime began.

Anyway, when we got the pictures back I looked massive: it made me think 'I have *got* to sort this out'.

"I went on a really strict diet, cut our carbs completely. And I was doing my dissertation at the time, so I wasn't drinking much cider. I also got myself a little trampette: I used to bounce around in our student house while watching Jeremy Kyle."

Soon the weight was falling off: within an incredible six months, Kelly got down to under 11st, just right for her 5ft 10in frame. "As soon as I came home from uni I joined the gym and that was it: I've been going ever since," adds Kelly, who grew up in the Hertfordshire town of Ware.

Now living in Royston with her boyfriend Alex, Kelly works at Selwyn College, Cambridge, as an administrator. As part of her fundraising drive for Age UK she and Alex hosted a quiz night and raffle at the college this February: more than 100 people went along and they raised almost £900.

"Since I decided to do the marathon it's taken over my life," admits Kelly. "I'm just wearing in my third pair of trainers – my feet are a mess with blisters. I have been quite tough on myself: making myself get up early at the weekends to run, running after work on a Thursday night when it's been dark and, more often than not, either raining or snowing.

"That's one of the toughest times, going out for a run when everyone else is staying in – and Alex is about to sit down and watch telly and eat pies . . . But he has been brilliant, always encouraging me and checking I'm okay."

When Kelly started to reintroduce carbohydrates into her diet, after her strict weight loss regime, she discovered a wheat intolerance. As a result, she can't eat bread and pasta which, as any long distance runner will know, are store cupboard staples when you're training. "That has been tricky," admits Kelly. "I have to make sure I'm stocked up with specialist things like rice pasta. It's frustrating at times that I can't just have a sandwich."

But, throughout it all, Kelly says she's spurred on by thoughts of her grandad. "He was actually my great-grandad but, because he lived with us, he was like a second dad to me and my brother Nathan," she continues.

"Mum was his full-time carer. He didn't lose any of his faculties, he was just old. But he needed help doing just about everything. We used to take him to Tesco in his chair and, as soon as we weren't looking, he'd use the handle of one of his sticks to swing himself round into the next aisle

"And I'll always remember this one occasion when he fell asleep with his false teeth in. His head had dropped onto his chest and his teeth started falling out bit by bit until they fell out altogether – and landed on his big belly. Nathan and I sat there watching the whole thing it was so funny."

Grandad Dick – whose proper name was Richard Brooks – was the grandfather of Kelly's dad, Shaun. He once owned a stud and was, adds Kelly, full of stories about the people, places and horses he encountered in "the old days". He died of pneumonia in 1999 when Kelly was 16.

"That was a horrible time," she says, with a shudder. "He left this great big hole behind him, a hole we didn't know how we'd fill . . . Even though he was old, he was such a character – he still had so much to contribute."

Kelly's marathon training is now almost complete. "I did a 17-mile race a couple of weeks ago," she says. "They said the course was undulating: what they really meant was mountainous. At 14 miles someone gave me some jelly babies and I could have kissed them . . . But when I got to the end I believed, for the first time, that I can really do this – I can do the marathon."

On April 25 she will join thousands of runners to complete the famous London circuit, which takes in many famous landmarks.

"When I cross that line I'll probably weep for a few hours, I just know I'm going to end up a grizzling wreck," laughs Kelly. "But I'll also be really happy – and really proud of myself."

■ **TO help Kelly reach her £2,000 fundraising target, visit *www.justgiving.co.uk/kelly-wilson,* For more information about Age UK go to *www.ageuk.org.uk***

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Store staff heartbroken after car park tragedy

A BELOVED dog and shop mascot has had to be put to sleep after being run over in the store's car park.

Scarlet the basset hound, who was 6, was the star of the show at Barnsbury Furniture Store in Soham for about three years.

The much-loved pooch was rescued by business manager Nick Wells after her previous owners split up and nobody was there to take care of her.

Since then, she was by his side at the store every day, meeting and greeting customers as they walked through the door.

Scarlet even travelled to cricket matches across Cambridgeshire with Mr Wells, 31, during the season and sat among the crowds watching the game.

But tragedy struck on Thursday, April 1, when Scarlet was hit by a vehicle in the store's car park.

Mary Wells, Nick's mum, said: "We are all absolutely devastated. She was such a good, friendly, loveable dog.

"Things will never be the same here without her.

"Customers cannot believe what has happened and we have been getting lots of cards.

"We truly have lost the most special dog and, of course, our company mascot."

BY JORDAN DAY

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Scarlet was hit by a motorist who had parked in the store's car park, on The Shade, to use a mobile phone.

The wind had blown the office door open and when Scarlet went out to answer a call of nature the car reversed without the driver seeing her, and hit her.

Scarlet was rushed to the vet's and at first Nick and his mum thought she was going to pull through.

But as the days went by the swelling got worse and scans showed she had a cracked pelvis.

Mrs Wells said: "It's just one of those awful, awful things.

"The driver pulled in to do the good thing and not talk on the phone when they were driving but it ended in tragedy.

"We went down every avenue but she was in so much pain.

"It was heartbreaking. Putting her to sleep was the kindest thing to do.

"We still keep looking at her leopard print blanket and expecting her to be there."

Scarlet was put to sleep on Wednesday last week.

Gone: Scarlet, who had to be put down after the accident. CP

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Isleham

THE March meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the village hall chaired by Janice Pope, who was assisted by Margaret Davies, secretary, and Eve Graham, correspondence secretary.

Janice Pope introduced Keith Mutton, the speaker, who had brought with him three birds; A Harrier Hawk named Jet (because of his incredible speed), a Peregrine Falcon named Spitfire and a European Eagle Owl named Twinkle. These birds are trained for various jobs including keeping the runways free of stray birds.

Eve thanked Mr Mutton for a very interesting talk. Jane Grant and Mary Stack organised a capital cities quiz, which was won by Mary Wightman.

The competition – a bird ornament – was won by Hazel Thompson, second Irene Williams and third Jane Grant.

Ginette Hawes

Take an earlier swim

A SWIMMING pool is to open an hour earlier on weekdays.

Swimmers at Mildenhall Pool will be able to take a dip from 6am from Monday following the success of an 'early bird' trial period.

Pool manager Debbie Feltner said: "We trialled early bird swims on Tuesdays and Thursdays and they have proven so popular with customers that they have requested we open early on other weekday mornings too.

"We've also had an increase in the number of American service personnel coming to the early sessions as part of their general training to keep fit."

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Hotel fined over dirty kitchens is being sold

A HOTEL hit with heavy fines for breaching food hygiene regulations is being sold.

Mildenhall's Riverside Hotel, which last year was prosecuted for having dirty kitchens, is being sold by its owners, Oxford Hotels and Inns.

It is unclear whether the 22-bedroom hotel will continue as a hotel and what the future may hold for its 17 staff.

A spokeswoman for Oxford Hotels and Inns said contracts had been exchanged on the sale which has yet to be completed.

"It is uncertain what the building will be used for after the sale," she said.

"We are currently consulting with staff and Oxford Hotels and Inns will ensure that they are offered alternative employment at the group's other hotels in the region if necessary."

Mark Edwards, managing director, said: "Oxford Hotels and Inns is in the process of selling the Riverside Hotel in Mildenhall and the company is currently in the process of consulting with its team.

"Oxford Hotels and Inns can confirm that none of its other properties are affected."

The Rutland Arms Hotel in High Street, Newmarket, is part of the same group.

The owners have not said whether the sale is linked with the prosecution last May when the company was fined £30,000 and ordered to pay £8,000 costs for breaches of hygiene regulations.

The Riverside Hotel, on the banks of the River Lark, in Mill Street, Mildenhall, has changed hands several times since 1999. Until then it had been run by members of the same family for 70 years. The main building dates from 1720 but there have been more recent extensions.

BY JOHN GOODE

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Uncertain future: contracts have been exchanged on the Riverside Hotel at Mildenhall. Inset: Cllr Nigel Roman.

Plans to build houses on part of the site were rejected by Forest Heath District Council in 2003 and a subsequent appeal against the council's decision was withdrawn.

Cllr Nigel Roman, who chairs the Mildenhall regeneration working group, said: "My hope is that it will stay a hotel.

"We need accommodation in Mildenhall."

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Legend pays tribute to Hollywood greats

As she brings her variety show to Cambridge, the Hollywood legend Debbie Reynolds tells Paul Kirkley about the highlights and lowlights of 60 years in showbusiness.

TWO things immediately surprise me about Debbie Reynolds. The first is when she picks up the phone at her Beverley Hills home and says "Hello Paul, thank you for calling", before I've even introduced myself. The second is when she launches into an apology for something – a mix-up over interview slots – that wasn't her fault.

For any journalist familiar with the bruising PR machine of today's movie industry, this throwback to a gentler, more courteous Hollywood age is disarming. But then, Hollywood did everything differently in Debbie's day.

"I was lucky to live in the golden age of Hollywood," says the 78-year-old. "We had great studios behind us and we had people producing a variety of great films for us; we had gangster films, westerns, comedies . . . they weren't all just science fiction and shoot 'em ups. We had more romantic films – more beautiful films."

Just singin': Debbie with Gene Kelly.

The Debbie Reynolds Story would have made quite a picture in itself, back in those days. Born Mary Frances Reynolds in El Paso, Texas, in 1932, she endured hard times after father Raymond, a carpenter, lost his job and the family home at the height of the Great Depression. Having found work on the Southern Pacific Railroad, Raymond moved the family to California, where 16-year-old 'Frannie' entered the Miss Burbank beauty pageant, wowing the judges by lip-synching to Betty Hutton's *I'm A Square in the Social Circle*. This being California, two of the judges happened to be talent scouts for Warner Brothers and MGM. A coin was tossed in order to decide who would be the first to screen test the new Miss Burbank; the Warner's scout won, and Frannie signed a $65-a-week contract with the studio, where Jack Warner changed her first name to Debbie.

Debbie Reynolds made her screen debut as a teenage extra in *June Bride* (1948). Further supporting roles followed but, when the studio decided she was too young to be properly developed, MGM stepped in and signed her to its standard seven-year, $300-a-week contract. "Everything happened like a story – like a fairytale," recalls Debbie. "And then I fell into this fast lane of showbusiness. I was only 16; I knew nothing about showbusiness – nothing about acting and nothing about dancing or singing. To go from nothing to something glamorous and fabulous, I had to immediately study very hard."

The adventure intensified in 1951 when studio head Louis B Meyer instructed director Stanley Donen to cast Debbie as the female lead in a new musical, *Singin' In The Rain*, alongside Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor. Half a century later, the film stands as one of the most successful, best-loved movies of all time.

"Gene Kelly says he insisted on having me, but I don't believe that story," says Debbie. "I remember Mr Meyer pushing me. He was the man who put me in *Singin' In The Rain*. But Mr Kelly taught me. He taught me everything – how to act, how to dance, how to turn and face the camera, how to smile for the camera. He was quite a disciplinarian but he was a great teacher and I'm still around because of him."

By the mid-1950s, Debbie was one of Hollywood's most bankable stars. Her romance with pop idol Eddie Fisher captured the imagination of the world; the Brangelina of their day, the couple married in 1955 and, the following year, Debbie gave birth to a daughter, Carrie, followed in 1958 by a son, Todd.

Shortly afterwards, Eddie Fisher's best friend, Mike Todd, was killed in a plane crash. The singer spent a lot of time comforting Todd's widow, Elizabeth Taylor, and the couple's subsequent love affair became one of the biggest showbiz scandals of the age.

Thus 1959 proved a year of extraordinary personal and professional contrasts for Debbie: she was ranked fifth among the world's top box office stars, yet had to suffer losing her husband to "the most beautiful woman in the world". How would she describe her life at that time? "Turbulent!" she laughs.

While the 60s saw her moving into television, she continued her film career with the likes of historical epic *How The West Was Won* and then, in 1964, she received an Oscar nomination for her title role in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, a musical biopic of the American socialite and Titanic survivor.

As the 60s turned into the 70s, Debbie could see Hollywood's golden age slipping away, and hit upon a plan to try to preserve a piece of it, purchasing thousands of items from an MGM auction with a view to building The Hollywood Motion Picture Museum. But disaster struck when her second husband, shoe store millionaire Harry Karl, was forced to file for insolvency.

Alive and Fabulous: Debbie Reynolds.

"When my husband went bankrupt and lost everything, in California it's community property so they fined me $10 million and it took me 10 years to pay off that debt," says Debbie, matter-of-factly. "So I've had to work constantly to survive and rebuild my own financial situation."

That bankruptcy has come to define Debbie's life, to a greater or lesser extent, ever since. As well as appearing in films, on television and on Broadway, she has spent many years tirelessly performing her one-woman variety show at venues across the States.

"In America, I travel 42 weeks of the year," she says. "I've been on stage 62 years: movies first and then nightclubs and theatre." And now, for the first time in almost four decades, Debbie is bringing her latest show, Alive and Fabulous, to the UK, including a date at Cambridge Corn Exchange later this month. "It's a variety show. I do a little bit of everything – we run clips from my films and I sing along. We do a tribute to Judy Garland, who was a great friend of mine, and I do impressions. I was lucky to get to meet all the great stars – I worked with Bette Davis and Katharine Hepburn and Mae West and Marlene Dietrich, and I do impressions of all of them."

■ **Alive and Fabulous, Cambridge Corn Exchange, April 23. Tickets £30, £27.50. Box office (01223) 357851.**

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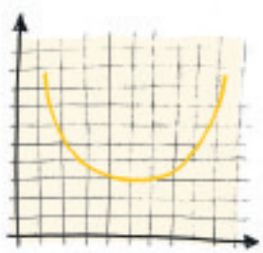

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Top comedians at the Belfry

THE Comedy Club returns to the Cambridge Belfry, Cambourne, on Friday, April 30, with three top comedians.
MC is Irishman Padraig Hyland, who will be joined by Anthony King, who has appeared on *Mad for It* (ITV), *House of Fun* (Meridian) and *Live at Jongleurs* (UK Gold).
Headlining the show will be another Irishman, John Ryan, an Edinburgh Highlight Award Winner.
Tickets for the show are £22.50, including a two-course meal. Doors open at 7.30pm, with the show starting at 9pm. Call (01954) 714600 or visit *www.haheehee.com*

Stars line up for Oxfam concert

OXFAM will host its spring fundraising gig at the CB2 Bistro, Norfolk Street, Cambridge, on Sunday.
Among the stellar line-up of artists is innovative local singer/songwriter Anne L. Ryan, acoustic soul singer Beth Walthew and Luis on classical guitar.
Rowena Whitehead and Friends will be sharing fascinating songs from around the world, along with Pandora's Box and their atmospheric folk and pop tunes, poetry from Andrea Porter.
It starts at 8pm Entry is £5 on the door all proceeds go to Oxfam.

In-store show from Irish trio

IRISH trio Ash will be performing a free acoustic in-store show at Fopp in Cambridge on Tuesday.
The acoustic show and signing session at the Sydney Street store begins at 5pm when the band will play three of their numbers.
The musical treat is being held to celebrate the release of their new compilation *A-Z Volume 1*.
The compilation is released on Monday through Atomic Heart Records.

Trio of choirs united for West Road Story

BY ALICE RYAN

THE songs and sparkle of London's West End are coming to Cambridge's own West Road this month – thanks to a trio of community choirs.

More than 100 choristers, aged from 4 to 44 and beyond, will be performing a whole programme of West End hits at West Road Concert Hall on Sunday.

Called *West Road Story*, the concert will also include top pop tunes from the likes of Take That, Elbow and the Divine Comedy.

"Elbow's *One Day Like This* is probably my favourite," says Susan Jarah, a member of the adult group, Big Mouth. "But the big West End numbers are brilliant too.

"We've been rehearsing since Christmas and we're all really looking forward to performing together, all three choirs at once. There will be more than 100 of us, so it should be quite a sound!"

Big Mouth and its junior counterparts – TongueTwisters, for primary school children, and VoxPop, for over-11s – are the brainchild of couple Siobhan and Tim Lihoreau. She's a music teacher, he's creative director of Classic FM, and they've been running the choirs since 2006.

Parents themselves, they started TongueTwisters first. "We wanted to do something which would get children excited about singing; having a diverse repertoire is key," explains Tim. "TongueTwisters was such a success parents and older siblings started asking if they could join in. That's when we created VoxPop and Big Mouth. Almost four years on and all three choirs are still going strong."

Young singers: TongueTwisters are one of the three choirs taking part in West Road Story on Sunday.

Susan's daughters, Eleanor, 10, and Jessica, 5, are members of TongueTwisters; she joined Big Mouth through them.
"TongueTwisters made the final of Music for Youth; seeing them sing in Birmingham's Symphony Hall was a very proud moment," says the Cottenham mum.

"We all get a lot out of it. I'm training to be a teacher at the moment and I've had to drop a lot of things – but I was determined to keep on singing. Our Thursday night rehearsals have become almost sacred, not only for the social aspect of it, but for the singing itself."

The choristers come from in and around Cottenham, are of all ages and began with a wide range of musical ability. Now they perform regularly and their talents are acclaimed across the area.

Open to new members, Susan says all three choirs are proof of what's possible – if you put your heart into it. "The West Road concert is going to be amazing," she adds.

West Road Story is at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge, from 6.30pm on Sunday, April 18. Tickets are £5 and can be bought on the door or by emailing *sallyvail@uwclub.net*
For information, visit *www.tongue twisters.co.uk*

Museum hosts car show

THE Imperial War Museum at Duxford is the place to be for all car enthusiasts on Sunday, May 2 when some superb cars roll up.

The museum is playing host to more than 600 stunning cars, with marques including Porsche, BMW, Alvis, Mini, Lotus, Cobra, Westfield and many more.

Any number of superb classic cars may drive through Duxford's gates during the day and there are often many surprises in store for the automotive enthusiast.

This fun day out gives visitors the opportunity to see a wide range of cars from all periods.

For the Spring Car Show, the museum is also offering tank demonstrations and rides which will be available to visitors between 2pm and 4pm.

There will also be the opportunity to meet veterans from the Burma Star campaign, who will be available to chat in the Forgotten War exhibition.

Visitors may well see some historic aircraft in flight during the day if the weather is fine.

There is no extra cost for this event. Standard admission to Imperial War Museum Duxford applies.

Children aged 15 or under go free when accompanied by an adult.

For ticket prices and full booking details go to *www.iwm.org.uk/duxford* or call (01223) 835 000.

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Clash of The Titans 2D (12A): Daily 11am,1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm; Daily 9.10pm except Wed
Kick-Ass (15): Daily 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm except Fri, Sat, Wed 11.30pm, 11.50pm
Nanny McPhee & The Big Bang (U): Daily 3.40pm, 12.50pm except Sun, Fri-Sun 10.20am, Fri-Mon 6.20pm
How To Train Your Dragon (PG): Daily 11.50am, except Fri-Sun 9.30am
Remember Me (12A): Daily 8.50pm (except Wed, Thurs) Fri, Sat 11.25pm
Alice In Wonderland 3D (PG): Daily 5.50pm
Alice In Wonderland 3D (PG): Daily 11.20am, except Fri, Sun 9am
Shutter Island (15): Fri, Sat, Wed 11.30pm
Whip It (12A): Fri, Sat 11.45pm, Wed 11.20pm
The Spy Next Door (PG): Fri-Sun 9.05am
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The Headless Woman (12A): Fri 12.30pm, 5pm, Sat: 5pm, Sun, Mon 12pm, 5pm, Tue: 11.45am, 9.15pm, Wed: 11.15am, 5pm, Thu: 2pm, 7pm
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THE BLIND SIDE (12A): Daily 9.15pm (except Wed, Thurs)
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CLASH OF THE TITANS (12A): Fri, Sat, Sun 12.30pm, Daily 3pm (except Tues, Wed, Thurs, subtitled Sun), 5.45pm (subtitled Mon), 8.30pm
KICK-ASS (15): 9.15pm
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The big film

WHIP IT (12A, 111 mins)
Comedy. Ellen Page, Juliette Lewis, Kristen Wiig, Marcia Gay Harden, Daniel Stern, Eulala Scheel, Drew Barrymore, Landon Pigg, Alia Shawkat.
Director: Drew Barrymore.

YOUTH springs eternal for Ellen Page.
Oscar nominated for her role as a pregnant 16-year-old in the raucous comedy *Juno*, the 23-year-old Canadian actress has forged a career playing dysfunctional and pithy teenagers.
There are more growing pains in *Whip It*, the auspicious directorial debut of Drew Barrymore based on the novel *Derby Girl* by Shauna Cross.
Set in the cut-throat world of women's roller derby, this entertaining tale of female empowerment puts a traditional coming-of-age story on four wheels and celebrates the sisterly solidarity within a low-ranked team as its feisty members body-check their way up the league.
Novelist Cross lovingly adapts her book for the screen and retains all the humour and the pathos, keeping the tone relatively light to hold the interest of teenage audiences who will appreciate the heroine's struggle for independence – and the hip soundtrack laden with Kaiser Chiefs, MGMT, The Breeders, Peaches and The Raveonettes.

Hormonally-charged teenager, Bliss Cavendar (Page), is at the mercy of her beauty-pageant obsessed mum, Brooke (Gay Harden).
Ungainly and unfeminine, Bliss loves indie music and stands little chance of winning the Miss Blue Bonnet Pageant, which Brooke is convinced will be her daughter's ticket to fame and fortune.
Bliss sees a flyer for roller derby trials and secretly attends the tryout in Austin for league underdogs, the Hurl Scouts.
Maggie Mayhem (Wiig) and Smashley Simpson (Barrymore) take Bliss under their wing and the teen discovers her calling as her alter ego, Babe Ruthless.
The introduction of the new member to the Hurl Scouts catalyses a dramatic change in fortunes, setting up the inevitable championship showdown with Iron Maven (Lewis) and her posse.
Meanwhile, Bliss drifts apart from best friend Pash (Shawkat) and embarks on a romance with musician Oliver (Pigg).

Lost letters 9

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order. Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This political insight is from former president George Bush.

■ Last week's solution: **Three things cannot be long hidden, the sun, the moon, and the truth**

Four Ws

1. WHO...plays Chili Palmer in the film *Get Shorty*?
WHAT...was named Best Motion Picture of the Year at the Oscars in February?
WHERE...is the television soap Coronation Street set?
WHEN...did Zimbabwe gain independence from the UK?
2. WHO...has written the thrillers *Die Trying* and *Tripwire*?
WHAT...two colours are on the flag of Sweden?
WHERE...have Derby County FC played their home games since 1997?
WHEN...did South Africa win the Davis Cup tennis tournament by a walkover?
3. WHO...released the record albums *Killer* and *Billion Dollar Babies*?
WHAT...is the capital of Indonesia?
WHERE...in Britain was the 1982 Eurovision Song Contest held?
WHEN...did George Washington, first President of the US die?
Answers: 1. John Travolta; The Hurt Locker; Weatherfield; 1980. **2.** Lee Child; Blue and yellow; Pride Park; 1974. **3.** Alice Cooper; Jakarta; Harrogate; 1799.

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Sudoku 96:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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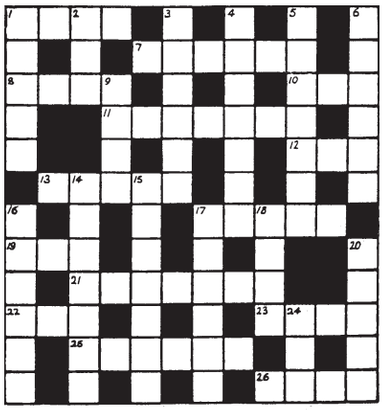
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2161



Across

1,7. Football, say, battles with study of animal protector. (4,6)
8. Old garment to take to State. (4)
10. Row from heads of office and restaurant. (3)
11. Irritated when necessity was predominant. (7)
12. Fee sent back in bark. (3)
13. The boy describing long distances? (5)
17. Single workforce tighten thread one way. (5)
19. Girl losing head with idiot. (3)
21. Patient? But that's useless. (7)
22. Pull violin string back. (3)
23. Always remove top of bar to prize up with. (4)
25. Hang it as ordered with loathing. (6)
26. Hold back the shoot. (4)

Down

1. Put silver up for openers. (5)
2. Face the fool! (3)
3. Gentle touch made with caution on ship. (6)
4. Lily arranged with CID to make it perfect. (7)
5. Quoted year to eat, to become soothing. (7)
6. Brusque sailor on right to be put out. (6)
9. Article comes to nothing on Indigo plant. (4)
14. Discernment that can be visible? (7)
15. Eve with late arrangements in lift. (7)
16. Graduate changes rent with good-tempered teasing. (6)
17. South American ancestry is salty. (6)
18. Take a lift in possibly dire circumstances. (4)
20. Leaping creature reaches start of men's and women's quarters. (5)
24. Tax vessel? (3)

Solution to 2160 – Across: 1. Primed; 4. Plumb; 8. Departed; 10. Emu; 11. Arranged; 13. Etui; 15. Aida; 16. Gainsaid; 19. Now; 20. Linesman; 22. Aster; 23. Scared. **Down:** 1. Pines; 2. Industrial; 3. Explains; 5. Lee; 6. Broads; 7. Brer; 9. Dog's dinner; 12. Academic; 14. Agenda; 17. Acer; 18. Sword; 21. Ice.

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Shortcuts to propagating perfect plants and flowers

BBC *Gardeners' World* regular Carol Klein has been busy taking basal cuttings to increase her collection of perennials, including delphiniums, lupins and phlox.

She points out that the beauty about basal cuttings is that plants can be cloned exactly in this way, to give a new plant the exact characteristics of its parent, whereas if they are grown from seed they often lose the special traits for which they are valued, reverting to the straight species.

Carol says: "Taking basal cuttings is incredibly easy. You can take them from plants which are really difficult to divide or are grown from seed. The best time to take basal cuttings is from the new growth in spring."

Carol hopes her new book about propagation, *Grow Your Own Garden*, will encourage gardeners who have up to now been either too scared or too busy to have a go.

She adds: "It's hugely satisfying. The very first time you get a

by Hannah Stephenson

cutting to root and then you grow it into a big plant, the feeling is like nothing else.

"You can collect seeds from many plants which will become reasonably true, but if you take basal cuttings it means you get an exact replica of the parent."

She has taken basal cuttings from many hardy plants as well as dahlia – once the plants have started growing in spring.

"Pot them up, water them well and keep them in a warm place like a greenhouse or warm windowsill, which must be bright or the shoots will become long and stringy.

"When the dahlias have made three or four inches of growth, take a sharp knife like a veg knife and push it in between the strong shoot and the crown of the plant, cutting without damaging the tuber."

An older plant should give you a handful of strong cuttings which you should then re-pot, preferably in a clay pot.

"I always put my dahlia cuttings into clay pots because I find they root much more easily because clay's a natural material, the pots are porous and that earthiness seems to encourage roots to form."

Evenly space about five cuttings around the edge of a 15cm (5in) pot filled with gritty compost. Carol uses chopsticks to make the hole in the compost to house the cuttings. Plant them in so there's around an inch of cutting below the surface, then water them well with a fine rose on your watering can.

"Drench the compost so it will settle the compost and cuttings down, make sure there are no air pockets and put them in as warm a place as you have," she explains.

Some people make little tents for the cuttings out of clear plastic bags, but Carol says if you save a tall punnet from the supermarket you can make a mini greenhouse out of that or use a shower cap to cover them to create an environment to retain moisture.

Just make sure the cover is not in contact with the foliage or it may rot.

Heated propagators will probably take a couple of weeks off the rooting time.

"Make sure the foliage doesn't dry out, so spray it with a fine mist from time to time. It will take about a month for the cuttings to root without any bottom heat."

When roots appear from the hole in the bottom of the pot, re-pot each cutting, knocking them out of the pot carefully and re-potting each one into their own pot.

She says: "You can plant the cuttings later on in the summer or carry on growing them on in pots and they'll make decent-sized tubers and when they die down in the autumn, you'll have a good amount of tuber under the soil.

■ *Grow Your Own Garden*, by Carol Klein, is published by BBC Books, priced £20.

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix – Qualifying.
8.30 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen.
11.30 **Great British Menu.** The two remaining North West chefs cook their entire menus.
12.00 BBC News;
12.15 Football Focus.
1.00 **Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Highlights of today's session at the Shanghai International Circuit.
2.15 **Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.** Hull FC v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 2.30pm).
4.30 Final Score.
5.10 BBC News;
5.30 All New Total Wipeout.
6.30 **Doctor Who.** The Time Lord takes Amy back to the dark days of World War Two, when Nazi victory looked certain.
7.15 Over the Rainbow.
8.25 **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Game show.
9.15 Casualty.
10.05 BBC News
10.25 Match of the Day.
11.45 The Football League Show.
1.05 Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.
2.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles.
6.20 Me Too!
6.40 Clifford's Puppy Days;
7.00 CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.
7.15 Dennis and Gnasher.
7.25 Sportsround.
7.40 Wolverine and the X-Men.
8.00 Deadly 60.
8.30 MI High.
9.00 Basil and Barney's Swap Shop.
9.55 Street Monsters.
10.00 Horrible Histories.
10.30 Da Dick and Dom Dairies.
11.00 Bamzooki.
11.30 Hai! Karate: Journey to Japan.
12.00 BBC Switch: Degrassi: The Next Generation.
12.25 BBC Switch: The Cut.
12.50 BBC Switch: The Cut.
1.05 BBC Switch: The 5:19 Show.
1.25 BBC Switch: Revealed.
1.40 BBC Switch: The Well.
1.50 BBC Switch: The Well.
2.00 Animal Park.
2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship.
5.00 Match of the Day Live.
7.15 Live Snooker: The World Championship.
7.50 Newsnight.
8.30 How to Win the TV Debate.
9.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.
10.10 Frank Skinner's Opinionated.
10.40 Heroes.
11.20 Heroes.
12.05 Snooker: The World Championship.
12.55 Snooker Extra.

ITV

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
9.55 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.
10.25 The Lakes.
10.55 Dickinson's Real Deal.
11.55 News and Weather.
12.09 Anglia Weather.
12.10 This Morning: Saturday.
1.10 Midsomer Murders.
3.15 **FILM: Back to the Future (1985).** stars Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd.
5.30 Anglia News and Weather.
5.45 ITV News and Weather.
6.00 **You've Been Framed Extreme!** Hour-long special.
7.00 **The Whole 19 Yards.** New series, hosted by Vernon Kay and Caroline Flack.
8.00 **Britain's Got Talent.** New series. Ant and Dec host.
9.30 The Prisoner.
10.30 FILM: Die Another Day (2002).
11.30 ITV News and Weather;
11.45 **FILM: Die Another Day (2002)** Concluded
1.20 **FILM: The Black Windmill (1974).**
3.15 **Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Crime.** Documentary following the work of police officers.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Sali Mali.
6.15 The Hoobs.
6.40 The Hoobs.
7.05 World Sport.
7.30 Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup.
8.00 The Morning Line.
8.55 T4: Friends.
9.25 T4: Friends.
9.55 T4: 90210.
10.50 T4: Peter Andre's Top 10 Pop Heroes.
11.55 T4: Album Chart Show.
12.25 T4: Koko Pop.
1.00 T4: Smallville.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing from Newbury and Ayr.
3.55 Come Dine with Me.
4.25 Come Dine with Me.
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6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Party Election Broadcast.
7.05 Bear Grylls: Mission Everest.
8.30 **SAS: The Real Story.** The history of the elite unit.
9.35 **FILM: Run, Fat Boy, Run (2007).** Premiere. Comedy, with Simon Pegg.
11.35 Pamela Anderson Comedy Roast.
12.50 FILM: The Cooler (2003)
2.35 The Sopranos.
3.30 The War at Home.
3.55 Scrapheap Challenge.

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6.00 Sunrise.
7.00 Milkshake!: Elmo's World.
7.15 The WotWots; Little Lodgers.
7.30 Chiro.7.35 Noddy in Toyland.
7.45 Milkshake! Music Box.
7.50 Fireman Sam.
8.00 Hana's Helpline.
8.15 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 8.35 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.
8.50 Igam Ogam.
9.00 Olivia.
9.15 The Mr Men Show.
9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
10.00 Laureus World Sports Awards 2010.
11.00 Red Bull Air Race.
12.00 The Gadget Show.
1.00 Zoo Days.
1.10 Chinese Food in Minutes.
1.40 FILM: The Second Jungle Book: Mowgli and Baloo (1997).
3.20 Five News.
3.30 FILM: Every Time We Say Goodbye (1986).
5.25 FILM: Major Dundee (1965).
7.35 NCIS.
8.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
9.30 CSI: NY.
10.30 Law & Order.
11.30 Cops in Crisis.
12.00 SuperCasino.
4.05 HouseBusters.
4.30 House Doctor.
4.55 The Family Recipe.
5.00 Hana's Helpline.
5.35 Thomas & Friends.
5.45 Roary the Racing Car.

Louis Theroux: America's Medicated Kids
BBC2, Sunday, 9pm

The Prisoner
ITV, Saturday, 9.30pm

Pamela Anderson: Comedy Roast
Channel Four, Saturday, 11.35pm

The Legend of Zorro
five, Sunday, 6.30pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.00 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix Live.
10.15 The Andrew Marr Show.
11.15 The Big Questions.
12.15 The Politics Show.
1.30 EastEnders.
2.55 Formula 1: The Chinese Grand Prix.
4.45 Points of View.
5.00 **Lifeline.** Comedian Arthur Smith appeals on behalf of Vitalise.
5.10 Songs of Praise.
5.50 BBC News;
6.15 Over the Rainbow.
7.00 **Countryfile.** Julia Bradbury visits Ennerdale in the Lake District to find out what is being done to make the landscape even wilder.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team return to Chester Cathedral.
9.00 A Passionate Woman.
10.30 BBC News
10.55 Great British Railway Journeys.
11.25 **FILM: For the Moment (1993)** Romantic drama, starring Russell Crowe, Christianne Hirt, Peter Outerbridge and Scott Kraft.
1.30am Sign Zone: Holby City.
2.30 Sign Zone: My Name Is Muhammad. 3.00 Sign Zone: Mastercrafts.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Fimbles.
6.20 Me Too!
6.40 Clifford's Puppy Days;
7.00 BBC: Dennis and Gnasher.
7.15 Dennis and Gnasher
7.30 Bear Behaving Badly.
7.50 Arthur.
8.05 The Legend of Dick & Dom.
8.35 Match of the Day.
10.00 Something for the Weekend.
11.30 Escape to the Country.
12.15 Monk.
1.00 EastEnders.
1.30 **Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.** Huddersfield Giants v Hull Kingston Rovers
3.45 Live Snooker: The World Championship.
6.00 **Top Gear.** The Porsche Panamera is tested against the Royal Mail's delivery service, and triple Olympic gold medal-winning sprinter Usain Bolt is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.
8.00 **Tropic of Cancer.** Simon Reeve visits Bangladesh.
9.00 Louis Theroux: America's Medicated Kids.
10.00 Match of the Day 2.
10.50 **Eyewitness.** New series. The fallibility of human memory in witness testimony is explored.
11.50 Snooker: The World Championship.
12.40 Snooker Extra.
2.40 BBC News.

ITV

6.00 GMTV.
9.25 **Coronation Street.** Omnibus.
12.10 News and Weather.
12.14 Anglia Weather.
12.15 This Morning: Sunday.
1.15 **FILM: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972).** Detective drama.
2.45 **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec present the first round of auditions.
4.15 **FILM: Runaway Bride (1999).** Romantic comedy, starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere
6.30 Anglia News and Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 **Survival with Ray Mears.** New series.
8.00 Foyle's War.
10.00 ITV News and Weather;
10.15 **The South Bank Show Revisited.** Lord of the Rings star Ian McKellen talks to Melvyn Bragg.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.
12.15 Champions League Weekly.
12.45 **FILM: Gorillas in the Mist (1988).** Fact-based drama, starring Sigourney Weaver.
2.55 Coastal Kitchen.
3.20 ITV Nightscreen.
5.30 ITV Morning News.
As ITV1 Anglia except: 12.14pm Local Weather. (T) 6.30 Central News and Weather. (T)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People.
6.35 The Hoobs.
7.00 British Formula 3 International Series.
7.30 World Superbike Championship.
7.55 The Grid.
8.20 GT Academy.
8.50 T4: The Hills.
9.20 T4: Friends.
9.55 T4: Hollyoaks.
12.25 **T4: Running in Heels.** Paula prepares for her wedding.
12.55 T4: Friends.
1.25 **FILM: Batman and Robin (1997).** Comic-book adventure.
3.45 T4: The Simpsons.
4.15 T4: The Simpsons.
4.45 Deal or No Deal.
5.30 Time Team.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 **Embarrassing Bodies: Back to the Clinic.** The medics revisit some of their bravest patients.
8.00 Come Dine with Me.
9.00 The Restoration Man.
10.00 Frankie Boyle Live.
11.05 Dave Gorman in America Unchained.
12.40am Poppy Shakespeare.
2.20 The Stuttering School.
2.45 The Sopranos.
3.35 St Elsewhere.

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8.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.
8.50 Igam Ogam.
9.00 Olivia.
9.15 The Mr Men Show.
9.35 Gerald McBoing Boing.
10.00 Shake!: Hannah Montana.
10.35 Wizards of Waverly Place.
11.10 The Gadget Show Shorts.
11.15 Time Bomb Tunnel: Megastructures.
12.15 Ice Patrol.
1.15 Brits Who Made the Modern World.
1.45 Cowboy Builders.
2.50 **FILM: Little Nikita (1988).** Cold War thriller, starring Sidney Poitier.
4.35 **FILM: Short Circuit (1986).** Comedy
6.25 Five News.
6.30 FILM: The Legend of Zorro
9.00 **FILM: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life (2003).**
11.15 Justin Lee Collins: Good Times.
12.15 The Gadget Show.
1.15 SuperCasino.

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SET within large and attractive gardens, this property is ideal for lovers of the outdoors.

It occupies an excellent position at the edge of the village of Snailwell, in Church Lane, enjoying views towards St Peter's church.

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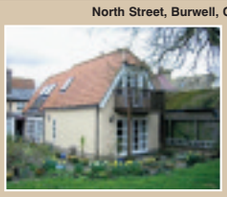

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Westfield Paddocks is a detached bungalow located off Rolfe Close with scope for improvement (subject to planning), a range of outbuildings including stables and a barn, a Charles Britton arena, 4 acres of post and rail paddocks (STS) and views to the rear over farmland.

Burwell **£155,000**

A single building plot situated to the rear of a detached bungalow located at the far north end of the village with detailed planning permission for a detached 3 bedroom house.

Burwell **£269,950**

A 4 bedroom detached house standing on a corner plot with a sitting room with dual aspect windows, separate dining room and double glazed conservatory, attractive part walled gardens and a garage and off road parking.

Fordham **£169,950**

A superbly presented semi-detached period property with 2 bedooms and a first floor bathroom, a modern fitted kitchen open plan with the living and dining area, a double carport and superb open views to 3 sides over open countryside.

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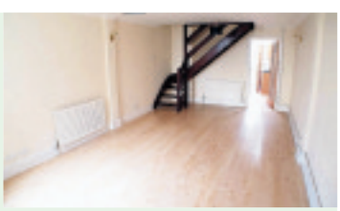

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Kennett **£325,000**
a 3 bedroom detached flint and brick cottage standing in gardens of about 1 acre with open country views.Features include a modern kitchen, sitting room with open fireplace, wet room and 1st floor shower room.

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A substantial 5 bedroom, 3 storey townhouse standing in a highly regarded central location with a wealth of character and period features, 3 reception rooms, 3 bath and shower rooms and a courtyard and off road parking.

Burwell **£125,000**
A modern end of terrace house forming part of a sought after development on the outskirts of the village. Features include a modern fitted kitchen with built-in oven & hob, 2 bedrooms, first floor bathroom and an enclosed south east facing rear garden.

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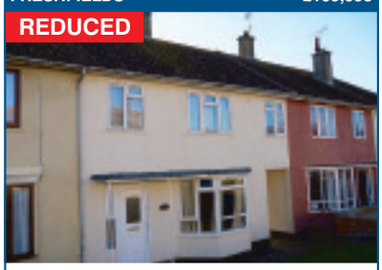
FRESHFIELDS — £169,995

REDUCED



A good size four bedroom family home in a well regarded development close to the town and all facilities. The property backs onto the recreation ground and enjoys a good size garden with two out building's. In need of some modernisation this offers a great opportunity to the growing family.

FIELD TERRACE ROAD — £147,500

NEW

An attractive three bedroom older style bay fronted end terrace house situated on a popular side road just off the Exning road with good access to all local facilities. The property could benefit from some cosmetic updating and viewing is strongly advised to appreciate the full potential this home has to offer. Entrance hall, sitting room, dining area, kitchen, rear lobby, bathroom, three bedrooms, courtyard garden.

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THIRLWALL DRIVE — £145,000

NEW

A modern two bedroom semi detached house situated within a popular village giving good access to Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket. The property in brief comprises of the following:- Entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and enclosed garden. An ideal first time or investment purchase, call today to make an appointment to view.

STRADISHALL — £115,000

VACANT

A spacious two bedroom end of terrace home situated on the Highpoint development offering fantastic value for money.

RED LODGE — £124,950

NO CHAIN

A three bedroom end of terrace house in a traffic free location within this up and comming village.

MUNNINGS CLOSE — £157,500

MUST BE VIEWED

A particularly spacious modern two bedroom terrace home ideally situated for the town and all facilities. The property offers generous living accommodation including two double bedrooms, sitting room and kitchen/diner. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home.

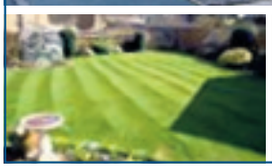
FRESHFIELDS — £114,950

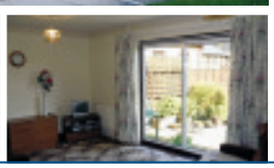
REDUCED

An opportunity to purchase a well presented two bedroom ground floor maisonette in a popular location.

DRINKWATER CLOSE — £179,995

VACANT





A two bedroom semi detached bungalow in a popular location close to the town and all facilities. The property offers scope for further improvement as well as the benefit of a large garden and no upward chain. Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, gas radiator heating, single garage.

MELTON CLOSE — £133,500

VACANT

A charming Victorian two bedroom end of terrace cottage with some original features conveniently located for the town and railway station.

CARNATION WAY — £145,000

NO CHAIN

A well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a development of similar type properties offered with no upward chain. The property has been updated within recent times with a modern kitchen and bathroom. Viewing is essential.

CROFT ROAD — £125,000

NO CHAIN

An older style two bedroom end of terrace home located in a popular location close to town and all facilities.

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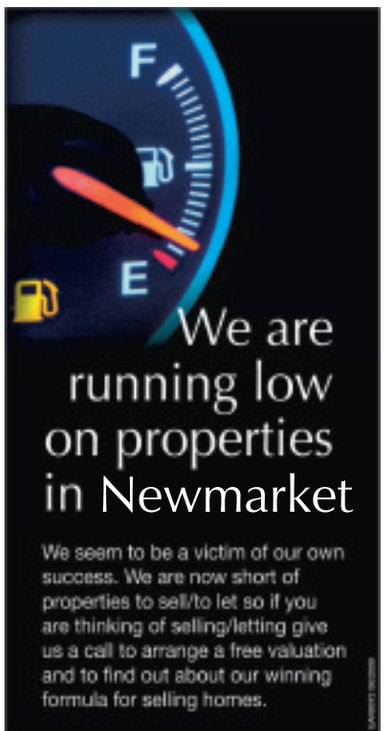

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EXNING ROAD — **£174,950**

MUST BE VIEWED

Semi detached three bedroom family home situated close to the town and all facilities with an enclosed rear garden. Entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, master with en-suite, bathroom, gardens and out buildings.

COMMON ROAD — **£235,000**

MUST BE VIEWED

In our opinion a modern spacious four bedroom detached family home in a non estate location situated within the popular village of Weston Colville. The property has been updated within recent times to include a replacement kitchen and bathroom, however could benefit from further improvement.

SAXON STREET — **£229,995**

NO CHAIN

Deceptively spacious extended four bedroom family home situated in a popular village close the Historic Racing town of Newmarket. Tucked away down a quiet lane this old flint cottage has been heavily extended to the front and rear.

WHITE LODGE — **£195,000 O.I.R.O**

NO CHAIN

An opportunity to purchase a delightful two bedroom cottage forming part of a charming Victorian conversion of similar type homes. This exclusive development is accessed via electric security gates to a courtyard, which leads to communal gardens.

HEATH FARM ROAD — **£159,995**

MUST BE VIEWED

An established two bedroom detached bungalow situated down a private road set within extensive grounds requiring a little up dating. Offered with no upward chain this bungalow offers huge potential and viewing is essential to fully appreciate this. Entrance hall, two double bedrooms, shower room.

CHEVELEY ROAD — **£259,995**

MUST BE VIEWED

A rarely available three bedroom detached family bungalow situated close to the town and all facilities. The property has been subject to some updating and benefits from a new en-suite shower, conservatory and a modern kitchen and bathroom.

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A well presented first floor two bedroom apartment offering spacious living accommodation close to the town and A14 link road. The property is offered part furnished and is available for immediate occupation.

BLACKTHORN COURT — **£465 PCM**

NEW PRICE

A modern one bedroom mews type property situated in a popular village twixt Newmarket and Ely. Refurbished bathroom, living room, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, kitchen with some appliances and allocated parking.

NEWMARKET — **£995 PCM**

NEW PRICE

A spacious four bedroom detached family home in a popular location close to local schools, shops and other recreation facilities. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, gdn room, four bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens.

ORCHARD ROW — **£575 PCM**

NEW

A modern two bedroom terrace home in a popular location close to the village. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, conservatory, enclosed front and rear gardens. Allocated parking.

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Situated close to the Town centre this first floor two bedroom apartment has a modern kitchen and spacious sitting room. FIRST MONTH RENT 1/2 PRICE... Call to view today! NO PETS.

BITTEN GROVE — **£495 PCM**

NEW

A deceptively spacious modern two bedroom first floor apartment in a popular development close to the centre. Two bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and garage. Available for immediate occupation.

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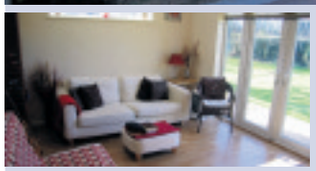


Exning £255,000

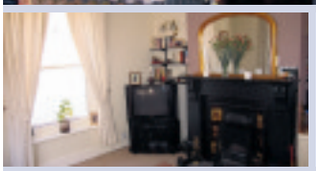
Enjoying delightful views to the rear across farmland a superbly presented link detached family house set in attractive gardens. Hall, shower room, lounge/diner with fireplace, family room, fitted kitchen, utility, family bathroom, garage and off road parking, attractive good sized garden.

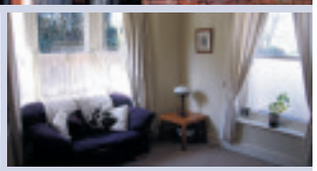
Newmarket £149,950

An attractively situated end of terrace 2 bedroom modern house enjoying a good sized enclosed garden, garage and off road parking. NO CHAIN

Newmarket £129,995

A 2 bedroom mid terrace cottage offering charm and character, situated in a central town location for easy access to the High Street.





Newmarket £260,000

The accommodation is arranged over 4 stories and includes and entrance hall, sitting room with fireplace and bay window, kitchen/diner again with a bay window, master bedroom with bay window, very useful cellar.

Early viewing highly recommended. NO CHAIN

Isleham £237,950

A stunning detached family bungalow enjoying superb accommodation including a luxury open plan kitchen/dining room, bathroom and a large garden. NO CHAIN

Soham £145,000

Situated in a cul de sac location a 3 bedroom semi detached chalet style family house with double glazed windows, enclosed garden, garage and off road parking.

Stetchworth £160,000

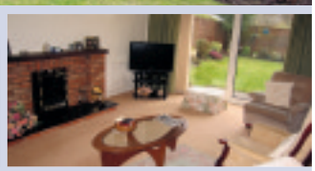
A well presented and charming semi detached 2 bedroom cottage attractively situated within this much sought after village.

Moulton £240,000

A 3/4 bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow situated in one of Moulton's most attractive positions overlooking the parish church with views over countryside.

Newmarket £310,000

A stunning 4 bedroom detached 1930's house of character and charm, boasting a number of fine features including fireplaces, coloured leaded windows and stripped wooden floors. Impressive hall, sitting room with bay window.



Newmarket £450,000

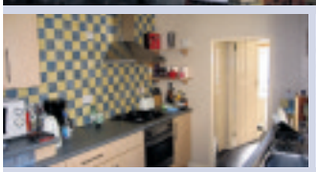
A delightful 4 bedoom detached family house located in a much sort after location off Snailwell Road. Benefiting from 4 good size bedrooms, an en suite, family bathroom, living room,dining room,study and kitchen. The property also benefits from garden to the front and rear and garage.

Isleham £189,950

A three bedroom detached property offering charming and unique open plan living accommodation.

Newmarket £225,000

A 3/4 bedroom semi detached family house situated in a well regarded cul-de-sac.



Newmarket £169,995

A well presented 3 bedroom Victorian property with many original features, off-street parking for two vehicles, garage and landscaped garden. Early viewing is highly recommended.

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Soham £225,000

A detached 1920's double fronted 3 bedroom house providing generous accommodation and set within good sized gardens. Now in need of some further improvement.

Bottisham £199,995

A three bedroom house located in a quiet cul de sac in a much sought after village, offering easy access to Cambridge and Newmarket.

Isleham £139,950

Situated in the heart of the popular village of Isleham a 3 bedroom house offering scope for some further improvement. No CHAIN

Ashley £295,000

A beautifully presented & spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow positioned on a corner plot. The accommodation comprises a sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom & a further 2 bedrooms. The property also benefits a wonderful veranda overlooking a mature garden. Off road parking is provided via a driveway & 2 single garages.

Newmarket £224,995

Set within a well regarded cul-de-sac location, this spacious 3 bedroom family home offers both generous and versatile accommodation.

Newmarket £194,995

A fine example of a 3 bedroom Victorian end of terrace house. The property benefits from a sitting room, dining room, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden, garage & drive.

Newmarket £10,000

A prominent lock up shop situated on the Cambridge end of the High Street providing about 650 Sq ft of shop and office space. To be let on a new lease.

Isleham £269,500

A very spacious 3/4 bedroom detached modern house providing well presented accommodation & situated in a good sized corner plot within the heart of this popular village

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A 2 bedroom semi detached house located on Bill Rickaby Drive, North of Newmarket town centre.

Newmarket £550pcm

A very smart and well presented 2 bedroom 1st floor apartment enjoying a modern kitchen and bathroom. Available late April. unfurnished.

Newmarket £795pcm

A spacious and modern 2 bedroom apartment located near to the town centre. The property benefits from secure, electric gated parking and electric heating.

Newmarket £550pcm

Situated down a no-through road, a delightful two bedroom cottage with off road parking for 1 car.

Bottisham £795pcm

A semi detached 3 bedroom cottage located in the village of Bottisham, providing great facilities to include schools, takeaway shops and a village store.

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Newmarket £135,000

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Newmarket £127,500

A semi detached 2 bedroom house situated in a popular development north of the town centre. Hall, kitchen, sitting room, sun room, bathroom, enclosed garden & garage.

Soham £110,000

A 2 bedroom mid terraced house located in a quiet residential cul de sac offering. offering easy access to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge. IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS.

Newmarket £124,995

A two bedroom Victorian mid terrace house. The property benefits from a sitting room, kitchen/dining room, first floor bathroom, courtyard garden with brick outhouse.

Newmarket

An extremely well presented 2 bedroom Victorian terrace house offering modern living accommodation, whilst retaining the charm of a period cottage.

The property benefits from a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, living room and 2 good size double bedrooms. EARLY VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

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Newmarket

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Polo and BlueMotion triumph at World Car

THE Volkswagen Polo has won the "2010 World Car of the Year" award at the International Auto Show in New York City.

"We're honoured that the Volkswagen Polo was chosen by this distinguished group of jurors," said Prof Dr Martin Winterkorn, Volkswagen's chairman. "After the great triumph of the Golf last year, we are delighted to repeat this success with the new Polo. This shows that Volkswagen is on the right track and is offering arguably the best range of products in its history."

The latest generation of the Volkswagen Polo has quickly become a favorite in the brand's line-up to drivers and media alike, with its uncluttered design, and exceptional versatility and efficiency.

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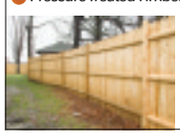

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M11 Motorway in the County of Cambridgeshire to allow for the installation of motorway incident and accident detection loops to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 4 nights at each location (10pm – 5am) starting on, or after, Monday 26 April 2010. The Order will come into force on 19 April 2010 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

1 The effect of the Order will be to close, from Monday –

1.1 26 April, the M11 northbound carriageway between its junctions with the exit and entry slip roads leading to and from the A603 at Junction 12 Cambridgeshire, and

1.2 3 May, the M11 southbound carriageway between its junctions with the exit and entry slip roads leading to and from the A603 at Junction 12 Cambridgeshire.

2 During the closures vehicles will be diverted off and back onto the M11 via the exit and entry slip roads.

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» Athletics

Neil shrugs off worry to clock a PB

NEIL Williamson overcame a late injury scare to run a personal best marathon time in Paris.
The Newmarket Jogger feared he would have to pull out, but lined up on the Champs-Elysees and recorded 3hr 29min. Susannah Rush also lined up in Paris and came in under her four-hour target, finishing in 3:56 to set her up nicely for her next marathon in Edinburgh in six weeks. Other members of the Newmarket club were out honing their preparations for their marathon campaign.
Ben Blowes finalised his London Marathon preparations by clocking 1:23 in the Belvoir Half-Marathon, while Nick Conway and Carolynn Anderson took part in the Kingston Breakfast run, a two-lap, 16-mile race along the Thames which takes in sights such as Hampton Court Palace. Conway, who is training for his first marathon in Edinburgh, finished 381st out of almost 2,000 competitors in 2:03, while Anderson clocked 2:22.
The Cambourne 10k was again a popular destination for the Joggers. Almost entirely off-road and traffic free, the route is along footpaths and through wooded areas and the female Joggers were the leading lights for the team. Helen Bardwell was first home in an excellent 47.06 for 167th overall and Julia Midleton was next home in 49.49.
Mike Sales completed in 54.49 and Dave Price, who is struggling with injury, crossed the line in 67.51.

» Rugby Union: Youth round-up

Newmarket turn it on

» UNDER-14
Newmarket 29 Peterborough 0
IT was third time lucky for Newmarket as they gained revenge, in some style, for two narrow defeats against Peterborough earlier in the season.

The writing was on the wall from the kick off. Newmarket recovered the ball from their own drop out, forced a penalty and Aiden Cooper crashed over with fewer than two minutes on the clock.

And that set the pattern for the game with Peterborough only getting into the home team's half from re-starts.

Iain Moffat, Cooper and a conversion from Joe Stafford completed the first-half scoring, while two tries from Dan Bristow earned him the man-of-the-match award.

Festival flourish goes on

» UNDER-SEVEN
NEWMARKET continued their festival form winning two and drawing one of the games against Huntingdon.

They won the opener 25-15, bouncing back after Huntingdon took the lead. George Howard, with two tries, and Edward Newton put Newmarket in charge before the break, and their tally was increased by two tries from Owen Bentley.

Huntingdon scored two early tries before Newmarket woke up in the second game.

However, three tries from Gabriel Jones and two more from Bentley had Newmarket in the driving seat before Huntingdon came back, making it 25-25 with an improbable try from the last play of the game.

Newmarket were determined not to let the third game slip, opening up with tries from Howard (2) and Newton before half time.

Jones, Bentley and Howard again made it 30-20.

We're out for revenge

» UNDER-EIGHT
REVENGE will be on Newmarket's minds when they face Huntingdon again in the County Cup at Cambridge this weekend

They fought out three high-speed, closely-fought games, losing all three by narrow margins.

Evan Thomas-Mansfield scored five tries, Christopher Bailey (2) and Ben Le Maire one in the opening 45-40 defeat, while Le Maire ran in five touchdowns, Harrison Jones added two and Christopher Bailey one in the 50-40 reverse.

The final game ended 45-30, the tries coming from Jones (2), Thomas-Mansfield (2), Jack Leaman and Freddie Nash.

It's three out of three

» UNDER-10
NEWMARKET had a busy and successful weekend, beating Cambridge 20-5 in the curtain-raiser to the city club's National League One clash against Manchester, and then picking up two wins against Huntingdon.

Cambridge took an early lead but Will Christie levelled and Tom Addison put Newmarket ahead.

Christie completed a hat-trick before Addison stole the ball back from a ruck and dashed in for his second try.

They took on Huntingdon, with whom they jointly-hold the county cup, with a small squad. Playing entertaining rugby, some particularly good scrummaging and line-out work from forwards Leaman, Parsley, Sutton, Nash, May and Grillenzoni allowed the backs to run in numerous tries in their 40-5 and 35-5 wins.

Late rush seals victory

» UNDER-13
Newmarket 48 Bury B 17
A WEAKENED Newmarket survived an early scare against at Scaltback before pulling away in the latter stages of the game for a comfortable win.

A mix-up with the Suffolk Council ground staff led to the game being played on a pitch with no posts, so both teams agreed to designate the central part of the in-goal area as a seven-point zone. Stand-in winger Richard Phillips opened the scoring with a fine try with Jack Corridan-Brown making it 12-10 to Newmarket at half time.

And although they traded tries to make it 17-17, Newmarket eventually pulled away to win 48-17, their second-half tries coming from Ben May, James Pritchard, Andy Baker, Peter Smith, Rob Challinor, and Corridan-Brown.

» Cricket:

YOUNGSTERS are being invited to join a village youth team. Training sessions for the Dullingham side, which is open to 13 to 15 year-olds, starts on Tuesday at the sportsfield in Stetchworth Road (6pm). Contact Malcom Bird 07917 798537

» Speedway

Tigers duo out of luck

MILDENHALL supporters saw a meeting that started with an inexplicable two-hour delay compounded when home favourites Joe Jacobs and Oliver Rayson failed to qualify for Friday's final of the British under-21 competition.

The Fen Tigers promotion will be eager to address what led to the farce that saw Sunday's meeting, scheduled to start at 5pm, finally go ahead at 7pm, with rumours rife over the reasons of the delay of the mandatory medical cover.

But that did not appear to hinder Jacobs, who reeled off two impressive wins from the gate and lead the pack. Rayson overcame a nudge in his opening race to win his second and the pair looked good for a semi-final spot that they sealed with their third rides.

Jacobs made a howler of a start and earned a reprieve when Ben Morley tumbled on the third turn, but again he failed to match the speed of Steven Worrall and Richard Franklin, and his qualification hopes were dashed as swiftly as that.

Rayson could not make his outside gate work in the second semi and Scott Campos followed Luke Chessell into the final. Campos made a quick start from gate three and, as proved throughout the processional night, that was enough to seal victory.

Matt Bates matched Jacobs' fifth spot in the qualifier at Plymouth on Friday, leaving Tigers' No 1 Jerran Hart to carry Mildenhall's hopes alone into the final at Lakeside on Friday.

Result: 1 S Campos (King's Lynn), 2 S Worrall (Scunthorpe), 3 R Franklin (Dudley).

Tigers start their National League campaign with a trip to Rye House Cobras on April 24th and King's Lynn's Youg Stars at West Row the following day.

» Motorsport

Silver lining: Michael Caine (right) on the podium with winner Tim Harvey and Euan Hankey CP

MICHAEL Caine enjoyed a solid start to his Porsche Carrera Cup GB campaign with two podium finishes at Thruxton.
Newmarket driver Caine lost a place at the start of the first race but edged past Tom Bradshaw on the third lap and then took second place from Euan Hankey on the fifth. Leader Tim Harvey held on to first place at the end of the 21 laps, crossing the line just eight-tenths of a second ahead of Caine. In race two Caine again eased past Bradshaw but this time came up against stubborn resistance from Hankey and had to settle for third.
He is in second place overall in the championship, two points behind 2008 winner Harvey.
The second round takes place at Rockingham, Northamptonshire, on April 24 and 25.

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A silver lining for Caine

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» Racing

Al Zarooni ready to take his big chance at HQ

MAHMOOD Al Zarooni, Godolphin's new young trainer, was looking forward to saddling his first British runner at Newmarket yesterday.

Sheikh Mohammed's operation continues to diversify, with Andre Fabre in France and Mark Johnston in Middleham bringing through many of the two- and three-year-olds, while Saeed bin Suroor flies the flag in Newmarket.

Al Zarooni spent last season as Bin Suroor's assistant but with his boss training around 200 horses last year, it was decided to lighten his load somewhat. His fellow UAE native Ahmed Ajtebi is expected to ride most of the horses, with Frankie Dettori sticking with Bin Suroor.

Al Zarooni, whose first runner at his new home track was due to be Black Snowflake in the Blue Square Feilden Stakes on the opening day of the two-day Craven Meeting, said: "I'm excited and really happy that I am going to get the chance to enjoy training in the UK.

"This is a big thing for me, a very big opportunity. Last year I was assistant to Saeed but I don't know a lot about the racing over here – I am still learning at the moment."

» Elusive Pimpernel heads a field of nine for the *Racing Post* breezeupbonus.com Craven Stakes, the feature race on the second day of the Craven Meeting today (Thursday, 3.35pm).

The John Dunlop-trained colt was an excellent second to St Nicholas Abbey in the *Racing Post* Trophy on his final start as a two-year-old.

He puts his claims for the StanJames.com 2000 Guineas, for which he is around 16-1, on the line over the Classic course and distance.

» Character Building will be aimed at the John Smith's Grand National again next year following his game effort in the world's most famous race on Saturday.

The grey gave his new owners, David and Patricia Thompson of Cheveley Park Stud, a great first run at Aintree when completing the course in seventh place.

Cheveley Park Stud's managing director Chris Richardson said: "We were all thrilled. At the end of the day he was given a beautiful ride by Nina Carberry.

"He got round which is very pleasing. The ground was probably a bit quick for him after all – they were always going a bit too fast in the conditions.

"However, he came out of the race extremely well and he was turned out in his paddock the following morning.

"He'll probably have a break now and then we'll have another campaign building up to the same race next year and, hopefully, Nina will ride.

"He's got relatively few miles on the clock and we're obviously delighted he's going to remain with John (Quinn) as well."

Sir Michael Stoute: Thinks Workforce will stay Derby trip

Stoute Works towards Derby

TWO Newmarket-based colts owned by Prince Khalid Abdullah are among eight extra horses entered for this year's Derby.

And one, Workforce trained by Sir Michael Stoute, could even feature in the StanJames.com 2000 Guineas.

Teddy Grimthorpe, Abdullah's racing manager, said: "I previously said that Workforce was not certain to stay a mile and a half because he was by King's Best.

"Obviously, Sir Michael and Ryan Moore think differently and so he has been given an entry in the Derby.

"He will hopefully progress towards the Investec Derby and the 2000 Guineas is a possibility at the moment. He would probably go straight to Newmarket if he were to take his chance there."

The other is Workforce, trained by Sir Michael Stoute, and Grimthorpe said: "Bullet Train is the other side of the coin compared to Workforce in terms of breeding – he is by Sadler's Wells out of a fast mare. There is a lot of stamina in his family and he is a three-parts brother to Powerscourt.

"He won his maiden nicely at Yarmouth, when he ran green, but we are hopeful that he is a progressive type of horse.

"He has done very well over the winter and Henry is pleased with his progress so far."

Godolphin have made three extra entries, Passion For Gold, Al Zir and Mahmoud Al Zarooni's Zeitoper.

» Football:

Grainger looks on bright side

Stanway Rovers 1
Newmarket Town 0
Ridgeons League, Premier Division

STEVE Bugg had Newmarket's best opportunities as they suffered a narrow 1-0 defeat at the hands of sixth-placed Stanway on Saturday.

The Jockeys' defence was breached in the 10th minute, but Bugg and youngster Ollie Drake both went close to restoring parity before the interval.

Newmarket continued to attack with purpose in the second half and Bugg was denied twice by the goalkeeper, while handball appeals inside the penalty area were waved away by the referee.

Manager Kevin Grainger said: "We were the better side and had most of the play. We totally dominated the second half and it was pleasing to give some of the younger lads more experience.

"Unfortunately we've got the problem of scoring goals at the moment. If we finish third from bottom then so be it. Our aim was to stay in this league and we've achieved that by miles."

The Jockeys, who drew 1-1 with Wisbech on Tuesday – Steve Bell put the Jockeys ahead – are back in Premier Division action on Saturday when they entertain Felixstowe & Walton, before hosting Haverhill on Tuesday.

Leiston 4 Mildenhall Tn 1
Ridgeons League, Premier Division

JOHN Sands missing an open goal at 1-1 was the crucial moment in Mildenhall's defeat at Leiston on Saturday, according to boss Simon Charlton, who felt his side would have gone on to beat the Premier Division's third-placed side if that chance had gone in. Steve Harley scored their goal from the penalty spot but Charlton said: "The scoreline didn't reflect the game as it made it look like a thrashing. I think if John Sands had scored we would have gone on to do to them what they did to us."

Mildenhall's next game is at Histon reserves on Saturday.

» Rugby Union

Lee Kupyn: Hat-trick of tries in the win which clinched league title for Newmarket.

Lee blitz sparks title joy

NEWMARKET have clinched the Eastern Counties One title.

Lee Kupyn's try treble helped them to a 55-12 win at Crusaders, and with Stowmarket's 29-26 home loss to Woodbridge, it gave Newmarket the crown.

"It was quite a surprise that Woodbridge beat Stowmarket to hand us the title with two games to spare," said skipper Michael Reeves.

"We worked to get promoted, and to go unbeaten is another aim. It's very pleasing.

"No-one expected us to get as far as we did in the cup (they reached the divisional final of the Junior Vase), and we've played sufficiently well all season.

"No-one has ever let us down."

Josh Parry and Ali Walker got two tries apiece against Crusaders and Ben Cockerton and Patrick Tapley touched down once each, with Reeves kicking four conversions.

He added: "We didn't get out of first gear at all. We scored relatively easily and were never under any pressure."

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